



CLERGICAL ERROR



NY AG subpoenas every Catholic diocese in the state

In this May 15, 2018, file photo, acting New York state Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood speaks in Albany, N.Y. Underwood has subpoenaed all eight Roman Catholic dioceses in the state as part of her office's investigation into the church's handling of sex abuse allegations.

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New York Catholic dioceses subpoenaed in sex abuse probe

By DAVID KLEPPER
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York and New Jersey launched new investigations into the Roman Catholic Church's handling of clergy sex abuse allegations Thursday as the number of similar inquiries around the country continues to grow.

In New York, the state's attorney general issued subpoenas to all eight of the state's Catholic dioceses seeking any and all documents pertaining to allegations, findings from internal church investigations and payments to victims, according to a law enforcement source familiar with the investigation but not authorized to speak publicly.

Church leaders confirmed receipt of the subpoenas and vowed to work with Attorney General Barbara Underwood's civil investigation — as well as any potential criminal investigations to come. The subpoenas were issued to the Archdiocese of New York in New York City as well as the



People pass the Archdiocese of New York, in New York, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

dioceses of Albany, Brooklyn, Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Ogdensburg and Rockville Centre.

"It is not a surprise to us that the attorney general would look to begin a civil investigation, and she will find the archdiocese of New York, and the other seven dioceses in the state, ready and eager to work together

with her in the investigation," New York archdiocese spokesman Joseph Zwilling said.

Underwood's office is pursuing a civil investigation into the church's response to abuse reports and has also reached out to local prosecutors, who are authorized to convene grand juries or pursue criminal investigations. In New York the attorney general doesn't have that power, so the involvement of local district attorneys would be critical to any criminal prosecutions.

In New Jersey, state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal announced a new task force that will look at how abuse allegations were handled in the seven dioceses in that state.

The developments in the two neighboring states come after attorneys general in Nebraska, Illinois and Missouri recently announced investigations into allegations of clergy abuse or cover ups in local dioceses.

"I'm elated, but my elation is tempered by how long it has taken to get here," said Steve Jimenez, a leading advocate for survivors in New York who says a Roman Catholic brother repeatedly assaulted him when he was a child attending Catholic school in Brooklyn.

Jimenez said he hopes in-

vestigators can answer a question that's haunted him for decades: "What did the diocese of Brooklyn know and when did they know it?"

Even if investigators do find evidence of past abuse, many victims in New York may have little legal recourse. That's because the state currently has one of the strictest laws in the nation when it comes to allowing victims to sue or press criminal charges.

Jimenez and other advocates have for years urged lawmakers to relax the state's statute of limitations and create a one-year window for civil suits now barred by the law. The bill has repeatedly been blocked by the Republican leaders of the state Senate, but Jimenez said he and others will keep trying to get legislation passed.

Underwood and Grewal also announced hotlines for individuals to report allegations of clergy abuse. The numbers are 855-363-6548 in New Jersey and 800-771-7755 in New Jersey. New York has also set up a confidential online complaint form that can be found at ag.ny.gov/ClergyAbuse.

"The Pennsylvania grand jury report shined a light on incredibly disturbing and depraved acts by Catholic clergy, assisted by a culture of secrecy and cover ups in

the dioceses," Underwood, a Democrat, said in a statement. "Victims in New York deserve to be heard as well - and we are going to do everything in our power to bring them the justice they deserve."

Albany Bishop Edward Scharfenberger proactively asked Albany County District Attorney David Soares to review his diocese's records on Thursday, before the subpoena from Underwood was received.

"We have to do what is right, even if it is not easy," Scharfenberger wrote in a letter to parishioners announcing his request.

The subpoenas come three weeks after a grand jury investigation found rampant sexual abuse of more than 1,000 children by about 300 priests in Pennsylvania.

Florida attorney Michael Dolce is an expert on abuse cases and successfully pushed lawmakers in his state to relax the statute of limitations on civil and criminal child sex abuse allegations. He summed up Underwood's decision to subpoena the state's dioceses as "huge and welcomed." Dolce, of the firm Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, is also abuse survivor.

"It shows a determination to see if what happened in Pennsylvania also happened in New York," he said. "I shudder to think about what they will find."

New Jersey's task force will be led by Robert Laurino, a former Essex County prosecutor. The panel will have the power to establish a grand jury and issue subpoenas.

The conference, which represents the state's bishops, stressed that since 2002 the church has complied with a memorandum of understanding with the attorney general and all 21 county prosecutors in New Jersey that every abuse complaint would be forwarded to law enforcement.

"One thing I want to emphasize is that New Jersey is not Pennsylvania - more than the Delaware River separates us," said conference executive director Patrick Brannigan. □

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Arlington Cemetery opens new section with Civil War burials

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Arlington National Cemetery returned to its roots as a resting place for the Civil War dead with a burial Thursday of two unknown Union soldiers.

The burials marked the dedication of an \$87 million expansion of the cemetery that officials hope will extend the cemetery's life by up to 10 years.

The so-called Millennium expansion adds 27 acres and more than 27,000 spaces for burials and cremated remains to a cemetery where more than 400,000 are already interred.

Without the Millennium project, Arlington would run out of gravesites as soon as 15 years from now. The expansion should extend the cemetery's lifespan into the early 2040s, said David Fedroff, deputy chief of engineering at Arlington.

Another expansion in planning stages is hoped to extend the cemetery's life beyond 2050. In addition, the Army, which runs the cemetery, has conducted surveys to determine whether the public is willing to support tighter restrictions on eligibility for burial at Arlington that could extend the lifespan even further. The two Union soldiers buried Thursday at Arlington with full military honors were recently discovered at Manassas National Battlefield in what appeared to be a surgeon's pit filled with severed limbs from 11 other soldiers. When the National Park Service announced the discovery in June, officials said it was the first time that a surgeon's pit at a Civil War battlefield had been excavated and studied. □

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Dispute over releasing documents dominates Kavanaugh hearing

By **LISA MASCARO** and **MARK SHERMAN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation tumbled into highly charged arguing Thursday over whether key documents were being withheld, and one Democrat risked Senate discipline by releasing confidential material. A newly disclosed email revealed that President Donald Trump's pick once suggested *Roe v. Wade* was not settled law.

The finger-pointing over the unusual vetting process for Trump's nominee made for a rough start for the final day of questioning of Kavanaugh who has so far avoided major missteps that could block his confirmation. Republican John Cornyn of Texas said senators could be expelled from office for violating confidentiality rules, while Democrats led by Cory Booker of New Jersey, responded, "Bring it on."

Meanwhile it was shown, in an email obtained by The Associated Press, that Kavanaugh had taken a different tone on a 2003 abortion case than he had during Wednesday's hearing when he stressed how difficult it is to overturn precedents like *Roe*. In the email, Kavanaugh was re-



Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., left, next to Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., questions President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, as he testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, on the second day of his confirmation hearing to replace retired Justice Anthony Kennedy.

viewing a potential op-ed article in support of two judicial nominees while he was working at the George W. Bush White House, according to the document. It had been held by the committee as confidential.

"I am not sure that all legal scholars refer to *Roe* as the settled law of the land at the Supreme Court level since Court can always overrule its precedent, and three current Justices on the Court would do so," Kavanaugh wrote, referring

to justices at the time, in an email to a Republican Senate aide. The document is partially redacted.

Asked about it by the committee's top Democrat, Dianne Feinstein of California, Kavanaugh reiterated his previous testimony that "*Roe v. Wade* is an important precedent of the Supreme Court."

Pressed further by Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, Kavanaugh denied he was questioning *Roe* as settled law. Kavanaugh

said that he was not discussing his views, but rather "what legal scholars might say." He said he offered the comments because he's "always concerned with accuracy."

The 15-year-old email underscored a dispute that has dominated part of the hearing over Kavanaugh's unusually long paper trail stemming from his years in the Bush White House. The panel's process resulted in hundreds of thousands of pages of Kavanaugh's

documents being withheld as confidential or kept from release under presidential privilege by the Trump White House.

Booker called the process "a bit of a sham." He was chastised by GOP colleagues for having discussed a confidential document about Kavanaugh's legal views on race. Cornyn said it was "irresponsible and conduct unbecoming a senator."

Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, released more documents Thursday — including those Booker wanted made public — and stood by his handling of Kavanaugh's paper trail.

"My process was fair," Grassley said as he opened the session.

So far, Kavanaugh appears on track toward confirmation in the Republican-held Senate, but after a 12-hour session Wednesday and more questioning Thursday, he also does not seem to have changed minds on the committee, which is split along partisan lines.

The judge left unanswered questions over how he would handle investigations of the executive branch and whether he would recuse himself if cases involving Trump under special counsel Robert Mueller's probe end up at the court. □

Republicans ask Trump to declassify Russia probe documents

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A small group of House Republicans is urging President Donald Trump to declassify documents related to the beginning of the Justice Department's Russia investigation.

Trump has already signaled that he may do so, tweeting on Thursday that there may be "Declassification to find Additional Corruption." He did not elaborate, but has repeatedly criticized the Russia investigation and called it a "witch hunt."

The Republican lawmakers, several of them staunch

Trump allies, are asking the president to take the unusual step of fully declassifying a secret wiretap application from 2016 for one-time Trump campaign aide Carter Page. The FBI was investigating Page's ties to Russia, but Trump and his allies have insisted that the wiretap was a way to spy on his campaign. The lawmakers are also asking Trump to declassify documents related to Justice Department official Bruce Ohr, who they say had inappropriate contacts with a former British spy who compiled a dossier on Trump's ties to Russia.

At a news conference Thursday, the Republicans pleaded directly with Trump to release the documents.

"The continued attempts to hide from the public a full accounting of these abuses is intolerable," said New York Rep. Lee Zeldin. The Republicans have spent much of the last year questioning the credibility of the Russia investigation that has hung over Trump's White House, with a particular focus on the start of the investigation in 2016. Special counsel Robert Mueller took over the probe in May 2017.

They say the dossier, which was paid for by Democrats, was used inappropriately to obtain the warrant on Page and also start the Russia probe. Democrats disagree, saying the warrant was justified.

Democrats have criticized the effort, saying the GOP lawmakers are trying to discredit the Justice Department in an effort to protect Trump from Mueller's investigation.

Trump has already declassified some documents related to Page at the urging of House Republicans. In February, he declassified a House intelligence commit-

tee memo that revealed some details from the surveillance warrant.

The Republicans have also pushed the Justice Department to release thousands of documents related to the Russia investigation and its 2016 investigation into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails. Just before the House left on its August recess, North Carolina Rep. Mark Meadows filed articles of impeachment against Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, saying the department had not done enough to meet congressional requests for documents. □

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'A horrific situation': 4 dead in Cincinnati bank shooting

By **ANGIE WANG** and **DAN SEWELL**

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — A gunman opened fire early Thursday in the heart of Cincinnati in an attack that left him and three other people dead, police said. The shooting sent people scrambling across the city's Fountain Square amid cries of "shooter!"

It happened at a 30-story building, home to the corporate headquarters for regional banker Fifth Third Bancorp and other businesses, including popular ice cream, pastry and sandwich shops. The bank building was locked down for most of the morning, and the usually crowded surrounding streets and sidewalks were closed off. Police Chief Eliot Isaac said the shooter opened fire at about 9:10 a.m. at the loading dock of the Fifth Third Bank building. Isaac said the gunman then entered the bank's lobby, where he exchanged gunfire with police. It was unclear if the gunman shot himself or was shot by officers.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters said the gunman was carrying a large amount of ammunition, and the rapid police response likely prevented many more casualties. He said one investigator said it could have been "a blood-bath beyond imagination." The gunman wasn't immediately identified, and police didn't comment on a possible motive. Police Lt. Steve Saunders said he wasn't a current or past employee of Fifth Third, and police didn't know immediately why he went to that

building. Police swarmed an apartment in North Bend, Ohio, a village some 15 miles west of Cincinnati. Deters confirmed it was the suspect's residence.

"A very horrific situation," Isaac said at the shooting scene. "We're in the very early stages" of the investigation. Federal and state agents were on the scene as police searched the building. Michael Richardson, who works in the bank building, told The Cincinnati Enquirer that he was standing outside the entrance when he heard gunshots in the lobby.

"I looked behind me and saw the guy — he shot and then he shot again. After that, I started running." Leonard Cain told The Enquirer he was going into the bank when someone alerted him about the shooting. He said a woman, who was wearing headphones, didn't hear the warnings and walked into the bank and was shot.

Jessica Hanson, a contractor with the bank's concierge company, works on one of the lower floors overlooking Fountain Square. She told The Associated Press that after repeatedly hearing shots, she went to the window and saw people running and ducking for cover as officers started shooting into the bank.

A woman who works with her had taken the elevator down to get a drink. When the elevator doors opened, Hanson said her co-worker almost stepped on a man's body. She got back in the elevator and rode up to her floor, where Hanson said she was in complete shock and unable to form

complete sentences. "Then we knew what was going on," Hanson said. Jaenetta Cook, who manages Servatii Bakery on the building's first floor, said she hurried to lock the door after the first two shots were fired. Then, she heard more noise that "sounded as if they were getting closer and closer." Cook said she and two other employees hid in the bathroom for the duration of the shooting. "I made it out to see my kids, to see another day," she said in relief. One of the victims died at the scene. Two more died at University of Cincinnati Medical Center. UC Health



Emergency personnel and police respond to reports of an active shooter situation near Fountain Square, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in downtown Cincinnati.

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spokeswoman Kelly Martin said one victim remained there in critical condition and another was listed as serious. All four taken to the hospital had gunshot wounds, she said.

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley said the gunman was "actively shooting in-

nocent victims." The Fountain Square often hosts concerts, dancing, food trucks and other events around lunchtime or in the evenings and is neighbored by a hotel, restaurants and retail shops.


"It could have been any one of us," Cranley said. □

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Trump administration moves to detain migrant families longer

By COLLEEN LONG and AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Thursday moved to abandon a longstanding court settlement that limits how long immigrant children can be kept locked up, proposing new regulations that would allow the government to detain families until their immigration cases are decided.

Homeland Security Department officials said that ending the so-called Flores agreement of 1997 will speed up the handling of immigration cases while also deterring people from illegally crossing the Mexican border.

The move angered immigrant rights advocates and is all but certain to trigger a court battle. "It is sickening to see the United States government looking for ways to jail more children for longer," said Omar Jadwat, director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project. "And it's yet another example of the Trump administration's hostility toward immigrants resulting in a policy incompatible with the most basic human values." The Flores agreement requires the government to keep children in the least restrictive setting possible and to release them generally after 20 days in detention. For decades, because of those restrictions, many parents and children caught trying to slip into the country have been released into the U.S. while their asylum requests wind their way through the courts — a practice Presi-

dent Donald Trump has decried as "catch-and-release."

Such cases can drag on for years, and some immigrants stop showing up to court when it becomes clear their asylum requests are going to be denied.

The newly proposed rules would allow the government to hold families in detention until their cases are completed.

Homeland Security did not say how long it expects families to be kept locked up. But immigration officials say asylum cases involving detained families move much more quickly, taking months instead of years to resolve, in part because there are none of the delays that result when immigrants set free in the U.S. fail to show up for a hearing.

"Today, legal loopholes significantly hinder the department's ability to appropriately detain and promptly remove family units that have no legal basis to remain in the country," Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. "This rule addresses one of the primary pull factors for illegal immigration and allows the federal government to enforce immigration laws as passed by Congress."

Earlier this summer, a federal judge in California rejected a request by the administration to modify Flores to allow for longer family detention. Administration officials say they have the authority to terminate the agreement, but that is likely to be tested in court.

"They're essentially trying to accomplish through regu-



In this June 26, 2018, file photo, vehicles leave the Port Isabel Detention Center, which holds detainees of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Los Fresnos, Texas.

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lation what the court has not permitted," said Peter Schey, an attorney representing immigrant children under the settlement and president of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law.

Schey said he will oppose any effort to end Flores unless the government proposes acceptable regulations for the safe and humane treatment of youngsters.

"Refugee children should not be made to suffer inhumane treatment and prolonged and unnecessary detention just to satisfy President Trump's zero-tolerance approach to refugees seeking safety in the United States from the violence and lawlessness spreading throughout Central America," Schey said. The Flores agreement became an issue last spring when the Trump administration adopted a policy of prosecuting anyone caught crossing illegally.

More than 2,900 children were separated from their parents, prompting international outrage.

Trump eventually backed down and stopped the separation of families. A federal judge ordered parents and children reunified; the government has said it has done so in as many cases as it could. But hundreds of parents were deported without their children, while others had criminal records or were not parents as they claimed to be, officials said. Because under Flores children cannot be kept in criminal custody with their parents or held for an extended period in immigration detention, the administration has limited options when dealing with families. The government operates three family detention centers, and they are mostly at capacity.

Homeland Security and the Pentagon have been working to line up as many as 12,000 beds for fam-

ily members at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. Another request for up to 20,000 beds for youngsters who arrive without parents is also pending.

The ACLU's Jadwat accused the administration of "trying to expand the trauma it is inflicting on these children in order to deter other people from coming to the country."

Rachel Prandini, staff attorney at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, said the erosion of Flores' protections would subject children to worsening conditions.

"The Trump administration's decision to exacerbate the suffering of kids, by imposing the cruel policy of family separation earlier this summer and now with this rule change to vastly expand detention of children, is horrifying," she said.

The regulations will be published in the Federal Register and will be subject to a 60-day public comment period starting Friday. □



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Big rigs abandoned as wildfire scorches California freeway

By NOAH BERGER and PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. (AP) —

Truckers abandoned big-rigs and motorists screamed in fear as they came dangerously close to an explosive wildfire that shut down about 45 miles of a major California interstate near the Oregon border that authorities were desperately trying to reopen.

In a video, a passenger in a vehicle screams: "Oh my God, I want to go!" as nearby trees burst into flames.

"I can't breathe," the woman says, sobbing. "Please, guys, come put it out."

The fire erupted Wednesday afternoon in a rural area and devoured timber and brush on both sides of Interstate 5 as it nearly tripled in size overnight, officials said Thursday.

Elsewhere in the state, a fire raging in the Sierra Nevada had grown to more than 7 square miles (18 square kilometers) after shutting down stretches of U.S. 395, State Route 108 and the Pacific Crest Trail along the eastern spine of California. The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, campgrounds and other areas were evacuated Wednesday. Ranchers were told to prepare to move livestock out of the area in Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

The two fires Thursday were raging just weeks after a blaze in the Redding area killed eight people and burned some 1,100 homes in a frightening start to the fire season.

California's insurance commissioner said Thursday that victims of that fire and one

in the Mendocino area — the two largest blazes in the state so far this year — have filed more than 10,000 claims so far totaling \$845 million.

The two fires destroyed or damaged a combined 8,800 homes and 329 businesses.

"The worst may be yet to come," Commissioner David Jones warned at a San Francisco news conference, noting that California wildfires are typically more destructive after Sept. 1.

The blaze Thursday along Interstate 5 has blackened 23 square miles (60 square kilometers), prompting mandatory evacuations. It was moving rapidly but was still far from any large towns.

Officials from a number of agencies were meeting Thursday to determine if they can reopen the highway, a key route for commercial trucks, California Highway Patrol Officer Jason Morton said.

The highway runs north from the Mexico border through California, Oregon and Washington state to the border with Canada.

The scattered homes and cabins in and around Shasta-Trinity National Forest were under evacuation orders, from the community of Lakehead north to the Siskiyou County line, said Chris Losi, a spokesman for the forest.

"It isn't a lot of people," he said.

The blaze was human-caused, officials said, without indicating whether it was arson or an accident.

About 17 big-rigs were abandoned along the interstate and at least four caught fire, Lt. Cmdr. Kyle

Foster of the California Highway Patrol's Mount Shasta office told the Los Angeles Times. At least two trucks were partially melted.

U.S. Forest Service workers helped the driver of one flaming truck to safety. Truckers, firefighters and others aided more drivers. □



A crane lifts a truck scorched by the Delta Fire on Interstate 5 in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Calif., on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

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Sweden's most significant election in years, at a glance

By VANESSA GERA
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STOCKHOLM (AP) — Sweden is holding a general election Sunday, the first since the country took in a record number of migrants from the Middle East and Africa in 2015 on top of the hundreds of thousands admitted before.

While the borders are now largely closed, a backlash against the earlier open-door policies is set to give historic gains to the Sweden Democrats, an anti-immigrant party with neo-Nazi roots. The center-left government is expected to take a battering.

The rising prospects of a far-right, euroskeptic party is turning this election into one of Sweden's most crucial political events in years. A look at the key issues and players in the election:

IMMIGRATION: A KEY ISSUE
Sweden, the largest of the Scandinavian countries with 10 million people, has been welcoming and generous to migrants and refugees for decades. Many Swedes have long cherished humanitarian values



In this Sunday Sept. 14, 2014 file photo, Sweden Democrats Party leader Jimmie Akesson celebrates at the election night party in Stockholm, Sweden.

as a centerpiece of the national identity.

But after Sweden took in 163,000 migrants in 2015 alone — the largest number per capita of anywhere in Europe — Prime Minister Stefan Lofven conceded it could no longer cope with the influx. Though border controls have been tightened, many Swedes feel

shaken by a rising sense of insecurity fueled by reports of rapes, car burnings and gang violence in migrant neighborhoods. Some also express anxiety that Sweden is losing its cultural heritage.

"A lot of people are fed up with the immigration that we have, because it's too many people. But you don't want to say it openly if you don't know who is listening," said Marianne Froberg, a 72-year-old who supports the center-right Moderates. That longstanding taboo, however, is now disappearing.

The vote is being watched internationally to see how well the once-fringe Sweden Democrats do amid a populist surge in Europe. In Germany, Austria and Italy — countries that have received large shares of migrants — populist, anti-migrant parties have made strong electoral gains since 2015.

Among those painting Sweden as a symbol of failing multiculturalism is U.S. President Donald Trump, who has cited the country as an example of how large-scale migration brings violent crime and insecurity. Swedes are divided over that view.

OTHER ISSUES

Sweden's economy is strong, and unemployment has gone down to around

6 percent. Health care, education and climate change are among issues at stake — but even those are sometimes viewed through the filter of migration. Voters are complaining that waits are increasing at clinics and hospitals, with some blaming that on the many newcomers. Sweden's liberal abortion law has also become an issue because the Sweden Democrats have proposed to lower the legal limit for abortions from the current 18 weeks to 12, sparking fears by some that it would erode women's rights.

THE ESTABLISHMENT

The main contenders are the center-left Social Democrats, who have dominated Swedish political life for a century and are credited with building Sweden's welfare state. They are led by 61-year-old Lofven, the prime minister, who is governing in a coalition with the Green Party.

The Social Democrats have easily won 40 percent of the votes in the past, but this time polls are showing their support at around 25 percent. That would be their worst result ever.

The center-right Moderates, led by Ulf Kristersson, 54, have long been the country's second major political force. Kristersson became party leader last year and has been in par-

liament since 2014. Over the past four years the Moderates were the largest of four members of the opposition bloc, the Alliance.

THE CHALLENGERS

As those two traditionally dominant parties weaken, the key beneficiary is expected to be Jimmie Akesson, 39, who has led the Sweden Democrats since 2005 and helped reform what was once a white supremacist party.

Akesson has imposed a zero-tolerance policy on open expressions of racism and xenophobia by party members, and some have been expelled for expressing pro-Nazi views. He has also changed the old party symbol, a flaming torch, into a friendly blue and yellow flower.

Akesson, a former leader of the party's youth branch, was elected to parliament in 2010. Support for the Sweden Democrats has swollen to around 20 percent — up from the 13 percent it won in 2014. While 20 percent would not be enough for the party to lead a government, a strong show of support will give the party greater power to pressure the next administration.

Other smaller parties in the running include the Green Party and the Liberals, part of the center-right Alliance.

THE VOTE

Swedes will elect lawmakers to four-year terms in the 349-seat parliament as well as to local offices in cities and municipalities on Sunday. Polls will open at 8 a.m. local time (0600 GMT) and close at 8 p.m. (1800 GMT), though some Swedes have already taken part in early voting that began Aug. 22. Some 7.5 million registered voters will choose from almost 6,300 candidates countrywide.

A party must pass a 4-percent threshold to enter parliament. With several parties in the running, it's highly unlikely that any single party will get a majority, or 175 seats, and it could take weeks or even months of coalition talks before a government is formed. □



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What's GRU? A look at Russia's shadowy military spies

By JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — GRU isn't as well-known a baleful acronym as KGB or FSB. But Russia's military intelligence service is attracting increasing attention as allegations mount of devious and deadly operations on and off the field of battle. The latest charge came Wednesday, when Britain identified two suspects in this year's nerve-agent poisonings as GRU agents. An overview of the GRU:

THE AGENCY

Formally named the Main Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, the agency is almost universally referred to by its former acronym GRU.

It is the most shadowy of Russia's secret services. When its previous director Igor Sergun died in 2016, the Kremlin announcement was so terse that it gave



In this Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 file photo, Russian President Vladimir Putin listens to the Defense Minister as he arrives to attend a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow, Russia.

neither the date, cause or place of death.

The agency has an apparently broad mandate.

According to the Defense Ministry website, it is tasked

not only with "ensuring conditions conducive to the successful implementation of the Russian Federation's defense and security policy" but with providing officials intelligence "that they need to make decisions in the political, economic, defense, scientific, technical and environmental areas."

ALLEGATIONS

Britain claims that two GRU agents carried out this spring's attack with the nerve agent Novichok on Sergei Skripal, a former GRU officer who became a British double agent, and his daughter. Both survived the poisoning in the city of Salisbury, but three months later two area residents were sickened by the same nerve agent, one of them fatally — it is believed they found the discarded bottle that had carried the Skripals' poison. □

Turkish Cypriots protest price hikes from Turkish lira woes

By MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS
Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Hundreds of Turkish Cypriots took to the streets of ethnically divided Nicosia on Thursday to protest huge hikes in the prices of electricity, fuel and other goods sparked by the sharp devaluation of the Turkish lira. Holding banners and chanting slogans decrying the hardship besetting blue-collar Turkish Cypriots, protesters ended a march organized by a coalition of trade unions near the breakaway Turkish Cypriot

north's parliament to voice their disgruntlement.

Turkish Cypriots use the lira as their official currency and its devaluation at around 40 percent against the dollar has hit them hard by severely diminishing their purchasing power. For example, electricity prices have shot up 50 percent since February while the price of imported goods has almost doubled. Protester Kemal Gucveren told The Associated Press that the crisis is Turkey's doing and no fault of Turkish Cypriots who should be left

to decide their future for themselves.

Turkish Cypriots declared independence nearly a decade after the island was split in 1974 when Turkey invaded following a coup by supporters of union with Greece. Only Turkey recognizes the breakaway north, and has propped up its economy to the tune of 500 million euros annually to cover a budget shortfall. Although Cyprus joined the European Union in 2004, only the internationally recognized south enjoys membership benefits. □



Turkish Cypriot protesters decrying economic hardship brought on by Turkey's currency woes, march through Nicosia on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

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In France, rebel priest takes on church bosses on sex abuse

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press

SAINT-MARTIN-EN-VERCORS, France (AP) — When

a lowly Roman Catholic father rebels against the church hierarchy, publicly castigating a prominent cardinal's handling of child sex-abuse cases, is that an act of backstabbing against the institution he serves or a brave solo effort to help save it?

That is the debate provoked by the actions of a priest in France, with his remarkable step of petitioning the cardinal to resign. Judging from the sheaf of letters and cards that Rev. Pierre Vignon is clutching in his soft, plump hands, his uprising has divided churchgoers.

To hate-mailers, the previously anonymous 64-year-old propelled into the spotlight by his online petition launched two weeks ago is an attention-grabbing egomaniac who is courting disaster by taking on the influential archbishop of the southeastern city of Lyon.

But mostly, Vignon says, those writing to him are supportive. They include people who have themselves been abused by predator priests. He plucks one such "thank you" card from the pile and reads out loud.

"Because of you I want to go back to church," its author wrote. "When I do, I will think of the victims."

Vignon clearly relishes being at the center of the storm, with reporters now beating a path to the Vercors plateau in southeastern France where the portly priest ministers.

The Vercors' mountain villages and choppy terrain were centers of French resistance against Nazi occupation in World War II. Vignon says he had family members in the resistance and that the region's freedom-fighting history helped inspire his own decision to break ranks and call publicly for the resignation of Philippe Barbarin, archbishop of Lyon since 2002. Vignon faults the cardinal's handling of a notorious alleged pedophile priest suspected of abusing Lyon



In this photo taken Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, Father Pierre Vignon reads a letter from a critic in Saint-Martin-En-Vercors, France.

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boy scouts in the 1980s.

"I have always been unmanageable," Vignon says proudly. "There comes a moment when one has to say 'No! No more, that's enough!' That's what I said: 'Enough.'"

On this day, Vignon is particularly buoyant because his petition on change.org has just garnered its 100,000th signature, a milestone that heaps more pressure on church leaders to choose sides. After clambering out of his hoarse-sounding Fiat Panda, Vignon whipped out his mobile phone to show how a friend texted him blow-by-blow updates: 99,980 signatures, 99,990, 99,995, and, finally, four minutes later, 100,000.

"Champagne!!" messaged another friend.

With a glint in his eye, Vignon couldn't help but gloat.

"I don't know if Cardinal Barbarin will forgive me this joke, but he has such colossal energy, which I don't have, that he is often nicknamed 'The 100,000-

volt cardinal.' Now, unfortunately, he's going to become the 100,000-vote cardinal," Vignon said.

Barbarin and other church officials are due in court in January to answer victims' charges that they were aware of the Lyon priest's alleged history of abuse and didn't alert authorities. Barbarin has denied any attempt to cover up the case and has been supported as "brave" by Pope Francis.

Francis, too, is facing resignation calls over accusations by a former Vatican ambassador that he covered up for American ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

Further evidence that Rome's mounting cover-up scandal is going global: Several weeks ago, an Australian bishop was convicted and sentenced to a year of home detention for failing to report a pedophile to police. And a Chilean cardinal was summoned to give testimony in a sex-abuse cover-up investigation.

Vignon says he's had no indication that Barbarin even read his open letter. In it, the priest of 38 years argued that "we are at one of those crucial hours in history where great acts are required" and asked Barbarin: "You yourself acknowledged management mistakes. Why would you remain in place indefinitely having made them?"

The petition hasn't prompted Barbarin to resign, but it has exposed fissures in the French church. Those who have spoken in support of Barbarin include Vignon's own boss, Valence bishop Pierre-Yves Michel. Michel and another French bishop wrote in church newspaper La Croix that Barbarin shouldn't resign and described attacks against him as an "ideological settling of scores."

"I have violated the unwritten law that one shouldn't make waves," Vignon says. "Because of that I've received quite a bit of criticism from some colleagues and somewhat traditional

and conservative churchgoers."

But he says dealing with abuse and its aftermath must be the church's priority.

"We can't say 'God loves you' when there are such somber sordid stories that make one feel sick and uncomfortable. No. No. At this point, the abscess must be punctured, treated and healed," he says.

Vignon's supporters include a group of alleged victims of Rev. Bernard Preynat, the Lyon priest under criminal investigation on preliminary charges of sexual assaults on minors. Preynat, now in his 70s, confessed wrongdoings in letters to victims' parents and meetings with his superiors, including Barbarin. His last known abuses were in 1991.

Francois Devaux, president of the "La Parole Liberee" (Lift the Burden of Silence) group, says Vignon took a risk in going public because he would have looked "a bit stupid" had his petition garnered few signatures.

"For the first time, a cleric is asking himself the question: 'What about me? What is my stance in this?'" he said. "It is a courageous act. And that shows up the passive complicity, the passive responsibility of others."

He believes the success of Vignon's petition could be a turning point in French church attitudes to abuse. After the petition surged past 100,000 signatures, Devaux got an unsolicited call that same evening from a "very, very worried" bishop asking "what can we do?" Devaux wouldn't name the bishop.

"The church, or some people in the church, high up, are starting to realize how serious the situation is," he said. □





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Big quake hits northern Japan, leaving 9 dead, 30 missing

By EUGENE HOSHIKO

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SAPPORO, Japan (AP) —

A powerful earthquake Thursday on Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido triggered dozens of landslides that crushed houses under torrents of dirt, rocks and timber, prompting frantic efforts to unearth any survivors.

At least nine people were killed, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said. Officials said at least 366 were injured, five of them seriously, and about 30 people were unaccounted for after the magnitude 6.7 earthquake jolted residents from their beds at 3:08 a.m.

Nearly 3 million households were left without power by the quake — the latest in an exhausting run of natural disasters for Japan. It paralyzed normal business on the island, as blackouts cut off water to homes, immobilized trains and airports, causing hundreds of flight cancellations, and shut down phone systems. In the town of Atsuma, where entire hillsides collapsed, rescuers used small backhoes and shovels to search for survivors under the tons of earth that tumbled down steep mountainsides, burying houses and farm buildings below. The area's deep green hills were marred by reddish-brown gashes where the soil tore loose under the violent tremors.



Buildings destroyed by a landslide block a road after an earthquake in Atsuma town, Hokkaido, northern Japan, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

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Twenty-eight people remained unaccounted for in the town, Atsuma Mayor Shoichiro Miyasaka told public broadcaster NHK.

"We will carry on searching for them," he said.

Miyasaka said the town had emergency meals for up to 2,000 people and that more than 500 had sought refuge in its emergency shelters.

The landslides ripped through some homes and buried others. Some residents described awakening to find their next-door neighbors gone.

"The entire thing just collapsed," said one. "It's unbelievable."

The island's only nuclear power plant, which

was offline for routine safety checks, temporarily switched to a backup generator to keep its spent fuel cool. Nuclear regulators said there was no sign of abnormal radiation — a concern after a massive quake and tsunami in March 2011 that hit north-east Japan destroyed both external and backup power to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, causing meltdowns.

Japan's Meteorological Agency said the quake's epicenter was 40 kilometers (24 miles) deep. But it still wreaked havoc across much of the relatively sparsely inhabited island.

Many roads were closed and some were impass-

able. NHK showed workers rushing to clean up shattered glass and reinstall ceiling panels that had fallen in the region's biggest airport at Chitose.

Japan is used to dealing with disasters, but the last few months have brought a string of calamities. The quake came on the heels of a typhoon that lifted heavy trucks off their wheels and triggered major flooding in western Japan, leaving the main airport near Osaka and Kobe closed after a tanker rammed a bridge connecting the facility to the mainland. The summer also brought devastating floods and landslides from torrential rains in Hiroshima and deadly hot tempera-

tures across the country.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said that up to 25,000 troops and other personnel would be dispatched to Hokkaido to help with rescue operations.

As Japan's northern frontier and a major farming region with rugged mountain ranges and vast forests, Hokkaido is an area accustomed to coping with long winters, isolation and other hardships. But the blackouts brought on by the quake underscored the country's heavy reliance on vulnerable power systems: without electricity, water was cut to many homes, train lines were idled and phone systems out of order.

In the prefectural capital of Sapporo, a city of 1.9 million, the quake ruptured roads and knocked houses askew. A mudslide left several cars half buried. By evening the city's streets were dark and shops closed.

Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Hiroshige Seko told reporters that the extensive power outage was caused by an emergency shutdown of the main thermal power plant at Tomato-Atsuma that supplies half of Hokkaido's electricity.

The hope had been to get power back up within hours and some electricity was gradually being restored. However, damage to generators at the plant meant that a full restoration of power could take more than a week, Seko said. □

Guatemala Morales defends ending UN anti-graft commission

By SONIA PEREZ D

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

President Jimmy Morales on Thursday defended his decision to wind down a U.N. commission investigating graft in Guatemala, responding to domestic and international critics who called it a blow against efforts to strengthen rule of law and hold the corrupt accountable.

In an address in Guatemala City, Morales argued that the exit of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala next year will not jeopardize further investigations of corruption.

He added that his decision not to renew the mandate of the commission, known as CICIG for its initials in Spanish, doesn't obstruct justice but rather aims "to locate the constitution of the republic as our highest law."

Morales announced last week that he was not giving the commission another two-year term in the country, giving CICIG until the end of its current mandate



Guatemala's President Jimmy Morales reads a statement at the National Palace of Culture in Guatemala City, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

Associated Press

in September 2019 to transfer its duties and expertise to Guatemalan institutions. "Guatemala will respect the current mandate of CICIG, and we will be willing to promote the eminently technical methodology" to continue investigations, Morales said Thursday.

But with the president facing allegations of receiving more than \$1 million in undeclared financing during his 2015 campaign — he denies wrongdoing — critics see his explanation as a cover for self-preservation. "I think it's a ridiculous assertion. I don't see how any of

us can take this at face value," Christine Wade, a political scientist at Washington College in Maryland, said of Morales' claim that the commission's exit would not affect investigations. "It would seem that the entire purpose of not renewing CICIG is to undermine the

fight against impunity and corruption in Guatemala, and to save his own skin in the process."

Wade said there's no reason to think "that this is somehow going to reaffirm the state's fight against corruption and immunity — there is no fight within the state against corruption and impunity. There's a reason CICIG's there to begin with." Also Thursday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called Morales and "reiterated the United States' support for Guatemalan sovereignty," spokeswoman Heather Nauert said. "They discussed the importance of continuing our cooperation in the fight against corruption and impunity and the Guatemalan government's efforts working with" CICIG, Nauert added in a statement. "The Secretary expressed continued support of the United States for a reformed CICIG and committed to continue working with Guatemala on implementing the reforms in the coming year." □

Brazil presidential candidate Bolsonaro stabbed during event

By MAURICIO SAVARESE

PETER PRENGAMAN

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Jair Bolsonaro, a leading presidential candidate in Brazil, was stabbed during a campaign event on Thursday, though officials and his son said the injury was not life-threatening.

Numerous videos on social media showed Bolsonaro, whose far-right platform includes cracking down on crime in Latin America's largest nation, being stabbed with a knife to the lower part of his stomach. At the moment of the attack, Bolsonaro was on the shoulders of a supporter, looking out at the crowd and giving a thumbs up with his left hand.

After the attack, he is seen flinching and then goes out of view. Other videos show supporters carrying him to a car.

Police spokesman Flavio Santiago confirmed to The Associated Press that Bol-



National Social Liberal Party presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro greets supporters as he gets a shoulder ride from a member of his security detail, in Brasilia's Ceilandia neighborhood, Brazil, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018

Associated Press

sonaro had been stabbed and that his attacker was arrested.

Santiago said Bolsonaro was taken to a hospital in Juiz de Fora, a city about 125 miles (200 kilometers) north of Rio de Janeiro, and was in good condition. Santiago said the attacker was identified as Adelio

Bispo de Oliveira, and that he was beaten up badly by Bolsonaro supporters after the attack. More information about de Oliveira wasn't immediately available.

Bolsonaro's son, Flavio Bolsonaro posted on Twitter that his father is doing fine. The wound "was superficial

and he is OK," wrote Flavio, who also asked for prayers for the family.

A statement from federal police said the candidate had bodyguards. In the videos, Bolsonaro does not appear to be wearing a protective vest.

"This episode is sad," President Michel Temer told reporters in Brasilia. "We won't have a rule of law if we have intolerance."

Bolsonaro, a former Army captain, is second in the polls to ex-President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who has been barred from running but continues to appeal.

Despite being a congressman since 1991, Bolsonaro is running as an outsider ready to upend the establishment.

While he has a strong following, Bolsonaro is also a deeply polarizing figure. He has been fined, and even faced charges, for derogatory statements toward women, blacks and gays.

He also speaks nostalgically about the country's 1964-1985 military dictatorship and has promised to fill his government with current and former military leaders. His vice presidential running mate is a retired general. Earlier this week, Bolsonaro said during a campaign event that he would like to shoot corrupt members of the Workers' Party. The comment prompted an immediate rebuke the attorney general, who asked Bolsonaro to explain that comment.

Other candidates quickly denounced the attack.

"Politics is done through dialogue and by convincing, never with hate," tweeted Gerado Alckmin, former governor of Sao Paulo who has focused negative ads on Bolsonaro.

Fernando Haddad, who is expected to take da Silva's place on the Workers' Party's ticket, called the attack "absurd and regrettable." □

LOCAL



SMFA is interested in adding a beautiful Cunucu House to their collection



ORANJESTAD — Last Friday board members of Monumentfund Aruba (SMFA) signed a Letter of Intent with the ministry of culture of Aruba. In this document both parties declare their interest in acquiring/ renting the Cunucu House at Pos Abou 19.

SMFA has been in contact with the family for over a year now, looking for the possibility to preserve this beautiful typical house. After signing this LOI Monumentfund Aruba will start the process of looking for financing for this project and start with negotiations with the government of Aruba for a rental agreement. Once finalized we can continue with signing of the purchase agreement with the owners of the house and the petition to the Monuments bureau for protection and designation as protected monument.

Monumentfund Aruba considers this a very important project. We currently own twelve monumental buildings but this will be our first typical Cunucu House that will be added to our collection. One of our main goals is to pre-

serve the monuments in top condition for the community of Aruba. This house is in a very good condition including the interior and furniture thanks to the effort of the family to maintain this house as original as possible through the years. No major restoration will be needed once the house is bought just some maintenance works.

Monumentfund Aruba does not receive any subsidy from the government and for every potential project that involves acquiring a new monument we must make sure to have a long-term lessee and financing from local banks. This is the process SMFA is getting started with right now in the hope that we will be soon back again at Pos Abou 19 with all the partners for the signage of the rental and purchase agreements and make sure that this beautiful Cunucu House from the Tromp family known as 'Tan Tin's House' will be kept for future generations.

Monumentfund Aruba

The mix of cultures in Aruba is very visible in its architecture as -like in all cultures-, monuments reflect your

history and your people. If you take the chance to leave the beach for a little while and take your car off the beaten track you will be surprised what you see. Anne Witsenburg is director of the Monumentfund Aruba and points out precisely why a monumental trip should not lack in your vacation's itinerary.

The fund owns 12 monuments, out of the 36 protected monuments in the island. "But there are over 300 more monuments on the list to be protected and of course we dream to see that become reality as soon as possible." The international guidelines that apply for monuments decide whether it will be a protected monument or not. "The building or object needs to be at least 50 years old, a special value in architecture or to history or to the people of Aruba is required and there has to be a certain uniqueness. If it was changed too much throughout time or there are already any of the same kind it is a no go."

Outside inspiration

The Monument fund acquires or buys monuments and restores them back into their former glory. Than they rent it out. "That sounds easy, but it is incredibly complex as most monuments have multiple owners due to the fact that inheritances are split and all need to decide upon the selling." They cooperate with the government office of monuments because they set the rules of what you can and cannot do to a protected monument. "We also have the task to maintain the buildings which is an ongoing process. The wind, the salt in the air and the sun that not only burns human bodies but also buildings are huge challenges. Next to that we do education, create awareness and maintain public relations about our monuments." The office of the Monument fund is actually located in a monument itself. The building is beautiful and has a tropical style. "This house goes back to the 1920's

when it was built as a vacation house by Aruban entrepreneur Croes. He and his family came here to the outdoors as in those times there was only Cunucu (countryside) here. They had big parties and enjoyed leisure time with family and friends." Richer Arubans at that time looked outwards for architecture inspiration as that was considered chic, Witsenburg explains. Either to the US (art deco style like the water tower in San Nicolas), Holland (Dutch colonial style) or Colombia/Venezuela. "This house is inspired by a villa around Cartagena, Colombia. The ideas mostly came from the wives", she says laughing.

The Monument fund Aruba is open every day from Monday to Friday from 8 to 5. You are more than welcome to ask for information, guiding and help. For more information check their Facebook page Stichting Monumenten Fonds Aruba and the website www.monumentenfondsa-ruba.com. □



Rabbis of the Caribbean



ORANJESTAD — Rabbi Ahron Blasberg, the director of Chabad of Aruba joined more than a dozen Rabbis serving Jewish communities around the Caribbean for a 36 hour conference hosted by the Chabad center of Montego bay. The sessions touched on a range of subjects unique to the Jewish life in the region including best practices in revitalizing Jewish life in the Caribbean region, which has a storied Jewish history dating back to the 1500s.

The hosting Rabbi Yaakov Raskin of Montego Bay Jamaica led the distinguished delegation to the Ancient Jewish cemetery in Falmouth where a memorial prayer was recited. "In the Caribbean, where Jewish people are often spread so thinly, we see that when people get together, the result is far greater than the sum total," says Rabbi Zarchi, chairman of Chabad in the Caribbean. "In almost every instance, you have

locals, vacationers and business people coming together to plant seeds of spirituality. And those seeds bear beautiful fruit that can be enjoyed by all in ways that are still unfolding.

The network of Chabad centers has broadly expanded the vacation options for Jews looking to unwind without relaxing their religious observances. The availability of kosher food, prayer services, Torah classes—and now even Mikvahs—provides unprecedented opportunity for Jews to take a Caribbean vacation and uphold their religious standards.

The conference concluded with a Banquet Dinner at Rabbi Yaakov and Rebbetzin Mushkee's home with guest speakers Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky - Vice Chairman of Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, Mr. Ainsley Henriques- Israel Honoree

Council to Jamaica, Mr. Alex Britell- Editor and Chief and Founder of Caribbean and Cuban Journal, and other Chabad Jamaica community members. Mr. Ainsley Henriques spoke about the rich Jewish history in the Caribbean and gave the Rabbis warm greetings on behalf of the Jews of Jamaica. Mr. Britell saluted the Rabbis for their wonderful work and shared a wealth of knowledge of the Caribbean. Rabbi Kotlarsky spoke words of encouragement and gave his blessings for the upcoming Jewish New Year which begins on the evening of September 9th through the 11th.

All 16 Chabad centers in the Caribbean will be holding High Holiday services and celebrations opened to all residents and visitors. Please visit Chabad Aruba's website for more information of High Holiday services in Aruba www.JewishAruba.com/highholidays or call +2975927613. □

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Relaxation Day is all about winding down and just taking it easy. If you're lucky enough to have the day off work, enjoy a quiet morning watching TV from the sofa, and perhaps consider some light gardening in the afternoon – all in the spirit of relaxing!

Relaxation Day is a reminder that sometimes it is okay to take a deep breath, slow down and take it easy - not only does relaxation make you feel better about yourself, it can have long-term health benefits too! So on this day, do things that help you relax and de-stress. Kick back and enjoy a cold beverage in your backyard, read a book while curled up with a hot cup of tea, sleep the whole day long, or take a warm bath and spend the day in your pajamas watching TV.

Origin
The origins of this holiday

are unknown, though it is thought that the holiday began as National Slacker Day in Britain. In the hustle bustle of their daily lives, most people often forget to slow down and take some time for themselves. This can create stress and other stress-related health issues like high blood pres-

sure and heart problems.

How to Celebrate?

- Relax! Do whatever that you feel relaxes you, even if it is for a short while.
- Use this day to do a digital detox. Unplug the computer, put away

the phone and stay away from all social media. With no work emails to fret over and no social dramas to be bothered with, you will feel the stress melt away.

- Go to the spa for a day of pampering and some "me" time.

- Take a leisurely walk in the park. Stop and smell the roses, walk barefoot on the grass, have a small picnic by yourself, or read a book while people-watching.
- Learn a new skill like knitting or playing golf, are enjoy one of our beautiful beaches. ☐



Fruit Loose

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mango's hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

Mispel



This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year- round.

Kenepa



Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

Druif



There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

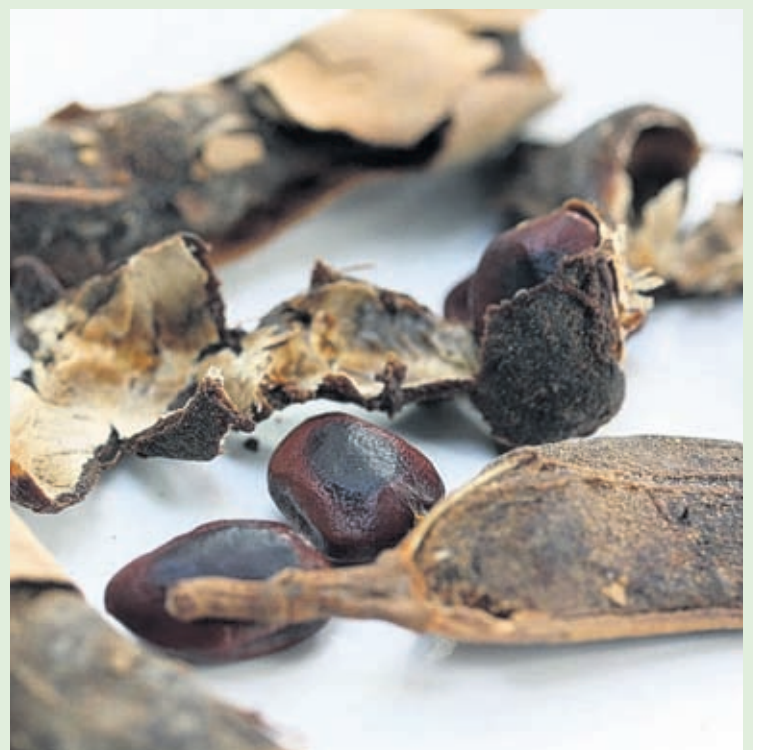
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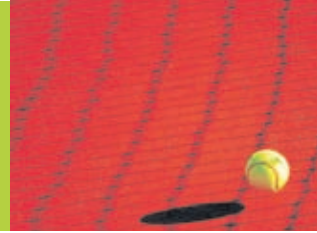
Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimaruku. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarukus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

Tamarind

A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March. □



SPORTS



Earnie Stewart smiles in East Rutherford, N.J., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

U.S. soccer eyes culture change, with new coach by year's end

By RONALD BLUM
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

— Earnie Stewart intends to change the culture of the American national team by having the next coach and his staff work out of the U.S. Soccer Federation's headquarters in Chicago. In his first public comments since starting the new job of men's national team general manager on Aug. 1, Stewart said the coach will be announced by the end of the year, possibly ahead of November exhibitions against England and Italy.

Stewart said ability to speak English was a requirement and that knowledge of soccer in the region, the U.S. and Major League Soccer a preference. He denied that Columbus Crew coach Gregg Berhalter is a front-runner and said he has no regrets Juan Carlos Osorio took himself out of consideration by agreeing this week to coach Paraguay. After reaching out to 15 to 20 people in the American soccer community to develop a profile, Stewart knows what he wants.

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HOT CAT



Woods scorches BMW Championship first round

Tiger Woods lines up a putt on the ninth green during the first round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in Newtown Square, Pa.

Djokovic tops Federer's conqueror for 11th U.S. Open SF in row

By HOWARD FENDRICH

NEW YORK (AP) — Novak Djokovic put aside all of it, from his opponent's unheard-of, middle-of-a-set chance to change out of sweat-soaked clothes and shoes, to consecutive time violations because he let the serve clock expire, to the 16 break points he wasted.

All that mattered, really, was that Djokovic managed to do what Roger Federer could not two nights earlier: beat 55th-ranked John Millman at the U.S. Open.

Djokovic moved a step closer to a third championship at Flushing Meadows and 14th Grand Slam title overall by eliminating Millman 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to get to the tournament's semifinals for an 11th appearance in a row. He sat out last year because of an injured right elbow.

The No. 6-seeded Djokovic, who won Wimbledon in July, had been drawn to face Federer in the quarterfinals. But Millman scuttled that showdown by stunning the 20-time Grand Slam champ in four sets in the fourth round on a hot and humid evening that Federer said sapped his energy and made it hard to breathe.



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, watches a return to John Millman, of Australia, during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in New York.

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"I was, alongside many other people, anticipating the match against Federer," Djokovic said.

This night was cooler, as the temperature dipped into the 70s, but the humidity was above 80 percent, so with Millman drenched, he sought permission for a wardrobe change at 2-all in the second set. It was odd enough to see a player be allowed to do that during, instead of after, a set, but even odder for it to happen after an even number

of games, rather than at an odd-game changeover.

"I was struggling. He was struggling. We were all sweating. Changing a lot of T-shirts, shorts," said Djokovic, who will face 2014 U.S. Open runner-up Kei Nishikori on Friday. "Just trying to find a way to hang in there."

When Millman apologized for leaving the court at that juncture, Djokovic replied, "I'm fine to have a little rest," then sat down on his sideline bench without a shirt

on and cooled off.

"I didn't even know the rule," said Millman, whose request to leave briefly was permitted based on something called the "Equipment Out of Adjustment" provision in the International Tennis Federation guidelines, because his sweat was making the court slippery.

Widely considered the best returner in the game, Djokovic kept accumulating chances — and then failing to cash them in. He

was able to come through on only four of his 20 break points.

There were other issues for him, too, including in the third set when, ahead by a break, he was called by the chair umpire for allowing the 25-second serve clock, making its Grand Slam debut at this tournament, to run out on back-to-back points. After the first, he double-faulted, and he wound up getting broken there. But he broke back in the match's next-to-last game, then served out the victory at love. "I think the guy's beat a brick wall once," Millman said, "because he makes you work hard for every point and it's relentless." □



U.S. Open tournament director: Courts were slowed 'a touch'

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer called this "the slowest U.S. Open we've seen in years."

Turns out that was no accident.

U.S. Open tournament director David Brewer said Wednesday night that the Grand Slam event's hard courts were purposely slowed down "a touch" in response to players noting in recent years that the surface seemed to be speeding up.

"In the general feedback we've gotten from players the last couple of years — a range of players, both male and female — the commonality we seemed



Roger Federer, of Switzerland, returns a shot to John Millman, of Australia, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

to have been getting was: The courts were sort of gradually creeping up in speed," Brewer said in an interview. "We just felt we

needed to address that a little bit this year. At the same time, we wanted to ensure we had really good consistency across

all courts."

The amount of sand or other granular items in the surface's top layer can be adjusted to make a court faster, which is what's responsible for the change, according to Brewer, rather than the recent switch from asphalt to cement underneath each court at Flushing Meadows.

He added that he can't remember any concerted effort to alter court speeds around the facility with the intention of helping American players do well in the country's Grand Slam tournament.

"I'm just trying to think if we've ever sat down and said, 'All right, look, what can we do to advantage

American players when it comes to the court surface?' And I don't ever recall having that conversation in my 20 years here," Brewer said.

No U.S. man has won the singles title in New York since Andy Roddick in 2003, and none has even reached the semifinals since Roddick in 2006. The highest-seeded American man, No. 11 John Isner, lost in the quarterfinals this week. Last year, all four women's semifinalists were Americans, including champion Sloane Stephens. Two of the four women who play in Thursday's semifinals are from the United States, Serena Williams and Madison Keys. □

Woods, McIlroy off to torrid start at Aronimink

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — With the glare of a scorching sun in his eyes, Tiger Woods couldn't believe what he saw.

He finally missed a green on his 14th hole.

"Is that long?" he said to his caddie. "I thought it was perfect."

Everything else felt that way Thursday in the BMW Championship, where Woods had his lowest score in an opening round in nearly 20 years and his best score on the PGA Tour since his last victory more than five years ago. With a bogey on his penultimate hole, he had an 8-under 62 at Aronimink.

And all that got him was a share of the lead with Rory McIlroy.

"Just the way it goes," Woods said with a smile, caring more about a complete round of golf and a strong performance with his old putter than whether he was leading after one round in the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Aronimink was never easier, not with temperatures in the upper 90s and feeling even hotter. Not on a course with generous fairways and greens so soft that Woods hit a 3-iron from 242 yards that landed 8 feet in front of the hole and stopped 5 feet away next to the pin.

Woods hit nothing longer than a 9-iron into the par 4s. McIlroy relied heavily on his wedge game to make a strong bid at 59, only to make consecutive bogeys late in his round and having to settle for a 62.

Through all the sweat, through all the birdies, they managed to give Philadelphia fans a reason to cheer for golf in the hours before the Super Bowl champion Eagles opened the NFL season Thursday night against Atlanta.

"It was one of those days where it was out there," McIlroy said.

And it was a Thursday, fi-

nally, that included Woods in the mix. He had failed to break par in the opening round at 10 of his last 11 tournaments.

"Got off to a better start than I have most of the season. And as of right now," he said, pausing to smile, "I'm one back. Just the way it goes."

He had just signed his card and saw that McIlroy was at 9 under, and by the time he stepped out from the hot sun and suggested another ice bath might be in order, McIlroy had dropped two shots before finishing with a two-putt birdie.

It was the lowest score for Woods since he shot 61 in the second round of the 2013 Bridgestone Invitational, which he won by seven shots for his 79th title on the PGA Tour and 90th worldwide. It remains his last victory.

And it was his best opening round since a 61 in the 1999 Byron Nelson Classic on a similar kind of day. Woods shot 29 on the front nine that day at Cottonwood Valley and it wasn't even the best score in his group (Paul Goydos shot 28). Woods wound up with a one-shot lead that day and tied for seventh.

Woods returned to the same putter he has used to win 13 of his 14 majors — his third different putter in as many weeks — and saw some familiar results. He opened with a 20-foot birdie putt at No. 10, shot 29 on the back nine, and then rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 1 to reach 7 under through 10 holes.

He didn't make many more, but he had chances.

His only bogey came at the par-3 eighth, by far the most difficult pin on the course. Woods was between clubs, went with a soft 4-iron and yanked it into the rough. He pitched to 18 feet, a good shot up a ridge and onto a green that sloped away from him. The putt caught the lip.

Woods and McIlroy still had to hit the shots and make

the putts.

The wide fairways and temperatures in the 90s allowed the golf ball to seemingly fly forever and made for such low scoring that 48 players in the 69-man field broke par. Rickie Fowler opened with a 65 in his first tournament since the PGA Championship, and at times it felt like he was getting lapped playing alongside Woods.

Jordan Spieth couldn't keep it in play off the tee and didn't get under par until his 15th hole. He bird-



Tiger Woods watches his shot from the 17th tee during the first round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in Newtown Square, Pa.

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ied three of the last four for a 67.

Peter Uihlein, who only advanced to the third FedEx Cup playoff event with bird-

ies on his last three holes on the TPC Boston last week, had a 64 to join a group that included FedEx Cup champion Justin Thomas. □

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Story hits 3 HRs, 1 a 500-footer, as Rockies top Giants 5-3



Colorado Rockies' Trevor Story watches his solo home run off San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Andrew Suarez during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in Denver.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press
DENVER (AP) — Trevor Story homered in his first three at-bats, including one projected at more than 500 feet, and Colorado beat

San Francisco in a game delayed 68 minutes by rain at the start. The All-Star shortstop had a chance to tie the major league record of four hom-

ers in a game but struck out in his final at-bat in the eighth inning.

Story powered Colorado to its fifth straight win, and the Rockies increased their NL West lead to 1 1/2 games over Arizona and Los Angeles.

It was the first three-homer game of Story's career and his fifth multihomer game this season. The outburst came at the expense of Giants starter Andrew Suarez (6-10).

Story's solo homer in the fourth traveled an estimated 505 feet. It was the longest homer in franchise history and the longest since Statcast began tracking distances in 2015.

Harrison Musgrave (2-3) got the win and Adam Ottavino closed for his sixth save.

San Francisco has lost five in a row.

RED SOX 9, BRAVES 8
ATLANTA (AP) — Brandon Phillips hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning, highlighting his long-awaited season debut and capping Boston's biggest comeback of the season. The Red Sox overcame a late six-run deficit to sweep the three-game series between division leaders. Major league-leading Boston scored six times in the eighth to make it 7-all. After Freddie Freeman hit a solo homer with two outs in the Braves eighth, the Red Sox bounced back for their 97th win.

The 37-year-old Phillips sat out the first half of this year, signed a minor league contract with Boston in late June and was called up from Triple-A Pawtucket on Tuesday. He didn't play that night, but started at second base in the final game of the interleague set.

After becoming the first player in Red Sox history to wear No. 0, in one swing the guy with the zero became a game-day hero. Andrew Benintendi singled with one out off A.J. Minter (4-3) and Steve Pearce struck out, bringing up Phillips. On the first pitch, Phillips homered deep into the left field seats.

Atlanta left fielder Ronald Acuna Jr., who hit another leadoff homer in the first, didn't move as Phillips' shot sailed over his head. Phillips scored three runs and drew two walks.

Braves stadium organist Matthew Kaminski played "Welcome Back" before Phillips' first at-bat in the second inning. Phillips, a high school star in the Atlanta area who played most of last season with the Braves, tipped his helmet and then walked.

Freeman hit his tiebreaking homer off Brandon Workman (4-0).

Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 38th save.

METS 7, DODGERS 3
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zack Wheeler stayed in the game after getting hit in the chest by a line drive, pitching seven sharp in-

nings to lead New York over Los Angeles.

Max Muncy and Cody Bellinger homered for the playoff-contending Dodgers, who lost for third time in their past 12 games. Los Angeles finished with three hits.

Wilmer Flores had a pair of RBI singles and Amed Rosario got three hits for the Mets. They went 5-4 on their road trip to Wrigley Field, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Wheeler (10-7) retired the first 11 batters before Justin Turner hit a liner in the fourth inning that struck the pitcher. The exit velocity on Turner's ball was clocked at 91 mph. Wheeler got a visit from the Mets' medical staff and gave up a home run to Muncy three pitches later. Hyun-Jin Ryu (4-2) was the loser.

CUBS 6, BREWERS 4
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Daniel Murphy and Kyle Schwarber homered to back a solid start from Jose Quintana, and Chicago held off Milwaukee to avert a three-game sweep.

Pedro Strop closed out a tense ninth inning as Chicago boosted its NL Central lead to four games over the second-place Brewers. Quintana (12-9) allowed two runs in 6 2/3 innings, improving to 3-1 at Miller Park with the Cubs. Strop allowed a walk and a single to open the ninth but got the final three outs, striking out Curtis Granderson with two runners on to preserve the win.

Granderson belted his first home run as a member of the Brewers in a pinch-hit role in the seventh, a two-run shot that cut Chicago's lead to 6-4.

The Cubs finally broke their string of 16 scoreless innings against Milwaukee right-hander Jhoulys Chacin (14-6) when Murphy led off the fourth with an opposite-field homer.

CARDINALS 7, NATIONALS 6
WASHINGTON (AP) — Matt Adams homered twice against his former team, Marcell Ozuna tied his career high with four hits and St. Louis held off Washington. □

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Ohtani has big night at plate after arm surgery recommended

By The Associated Press
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Shohei Ohtani homered twice during a huge night at the plate after getting bad news about his pitching arm, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 9-3 on Wednesday.

Perhaps headed for Tommy John surgery, the two-way rookie sensation went 4 for 4 with three RBIs, four runs and a stolen base to power the Angels. About two hours before the game, the team announced Ohtani has new damage in his right elbow and ligament-replacement surgery has been recommended. The club said the Japanese star had an MRI earlier in the day that revealed the problem in his ulnar collateral ligament.

Ohtani's homers were towering drives into the right-field seats. With his second two-homer game, the designated hitter tied Kenji Johjima's 2006 major league record of 18 homers by a Japanese rookie.

Andrelton Simmons also homered for the Angels and drove in three runs.

Adrian Beltre hit a two-run shot for Texas, the 472nd homer of his career, in the sixth inning against Jim Johnson. Three of Beltre's 10 homers this season have come in the last five games.

Los Angeles rookie Jaime Barria (10-8) beat Texas for the third time and 45-year-old Bartolo Colon (7-12) for the second.

ATHLETICS 8, YANKEES 2
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Piscotty hit a two-run single, Matt Chapman and Matt Olson each doubled in a run, and Oakland jumped on New York early. Jed Lowrie added a run-scoring single as the A's backed Mike Fiers (11-6), who escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning. Fiers is 4-0 in six starts since joining Oakland, and the A's have won all his outings.

The A's moved within 3 1/2 games of the Yankees for the top AL wild card and

remained 3 1/2 back of the AL West-leading Astros.

Gary Sanchez hit a two-run homer for New York but had all sorts of trouble behind the plate. Luis Severino (17-7) was done with two outs in the third for his shortest outing of the season. He allowed six runs — five earned — and six hits.

Severino threw two wild pitches that scored separate runs in the first, when Sanchez also had a pair of passed balls.

ASTROS 9, TWINS 1
HOUSTON (AP) — Alex Bregman homered and had five RBIs, and Evan Gattis hit his 25th home run to help Houston rout Minnesota.

The defending champs have won five straight, finishing a 10-game homestand with a 7-3 record. Houston has won 12 of its last 15 games entering a three-game series in major league-leading Boston.

Bregman gave the Astros a 2-0 lead in the third inning with his 29th homer of the season, a line-drive shot off Jake Odorizzi into the left-field Crawford Boxes. He added a three-run double off the left-field wall with the bases loaded in the eighth inning, his 47th double, to put Houston up 9-1.

Gattis extended Houston's lead to 4-0 with a two-run homer in the fourth inning off Odorizzi.

Houston went up 5-1 with an RBI single to right from Yuli Gurriel off Odorizzi (5-10).

Houston starter Framber Valdez (3-1) went 5 1/3 innings, allowing one run on five hits and three walks while striking out five.

INDIANS 3, ROYALS 1
CLEVELAND (AP) — Corey Kluber became the first 18-game winner in the majors this season, striking out 10 in Cleveland's victory over Kansas City.

The Indians moved closer to the third straight AL Central title, reducing their magic number for clinching the division to nine.

Kluber (18-7) allowed one run and two hits in 6 2/3 in-

nings. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner was pulled after 105 pitches.

Cleveland used three relievers to complete the two-hitter. Brad Hand struck out the side in the ninth for his eighth save since being acquired San Diego and 32nd this season.

Jason Kipnis had the go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth and two hits.

Brad Keller (7-6) lost for the first time since Aug. 7.

MARINERS 5, ORIOLES 2
SEATTLE (AP) — Nelson Cruz and Denard Span hit back-to-back home runs, and Seattle overcame sloppy infield defense to beat Baltimore.

Despite winning a home series for the first time since July 22, the Mariners failed to gain ground on Oakland in the AL wild-card race. They still trail by 5 1/2 games with 22 remaining.

Mike Leake (9-9) gave up two unearned runs in six innings to earn his first victory since June 23.

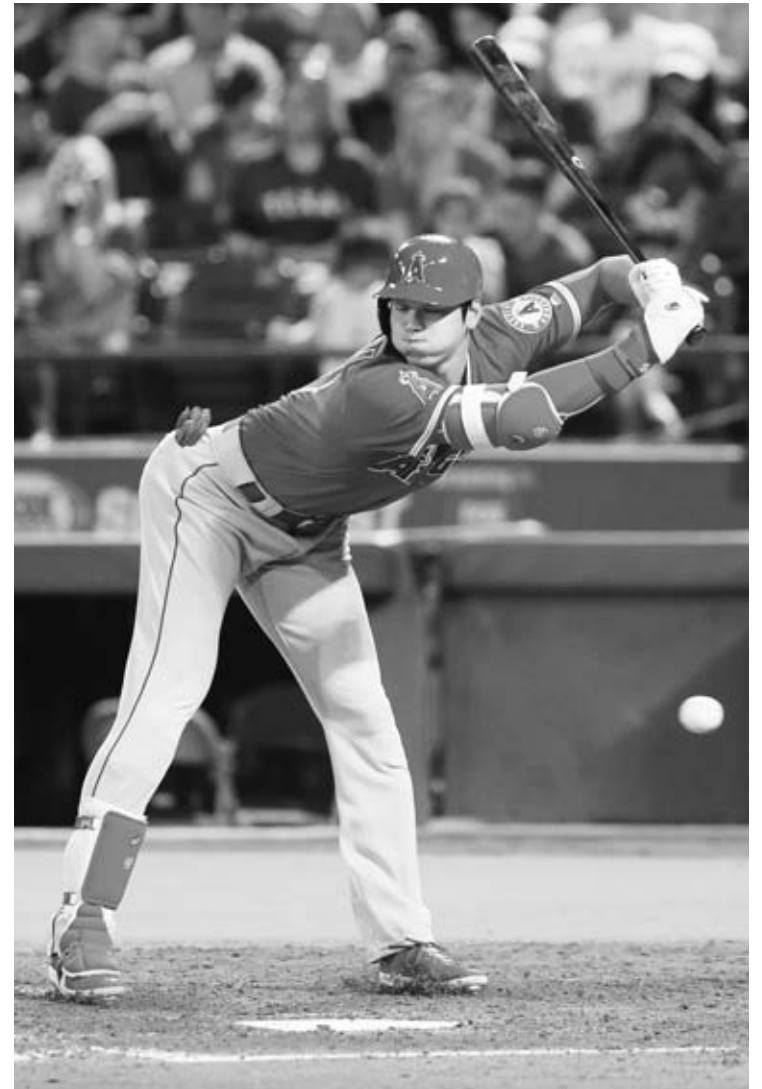
Edwin Diaz locked down his major league-leading 53rd save, tied for fifth-most in one season.

Andrew Cashner (4-14) gave up three runs in 4 2/3 innings.

TIGERS 10, WHITE SOX 2
CHICAGO (AP) — Ronny Rodriguez hit a two-run homer and Jeimer Candelario, Mikie Mahtook and JaCoby Jones each added a solo shot, powering Detroit to a rout of Chicago and prized pitching prospect Michael Kopech.

The game was delayed twice by rain for a total of 61 minutes.

Nicholas Castellanos went 3 for 4 with a walk and an RBI, and Victor Martinez had a two-run single as the



Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani gets out out of the way of an inside pitch from Texas Rangers pitcher Bartolo Colon during the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

Tigers pounded out 16 hits and won for the eighth time in nine games at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Jordan Zimmermann (7-6) allowed just two hits in five shutout innings and returned following both delays.

Kopech (1-1) was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in 3 1/3 innings. He served up all four Detroit homers as his ERA jumped from 0.82 to 5.02. He had allowed just one run over 11 innings in his first three starts in the majors, including two cut short by rain delays.

BLUE JAYS 10, RAYS 3
TORONTO (AP) — Aledmys Diaz hit a three-run homer in a seven-run first inning, Aaron Sanchez won for the first time in three months

and Toronto beat Tampa Bay to prevent a three-game sweep.

Billy McKinney added a solo homer as Toronto had 16 hits and improved to 3-9 against the Rays this season. Tampa Bay's four-game winning streak was snapped.

Rays outfielder Kevin Kiermaier hit two solo home runs for his third career multi-homer game. He also did it against the Blue Jays on Aug. 23, 2017.

Sanchez (4-5) permitted three runs and six hits over six innings, including both of Kiermaier's homers, to win for the first time since June 3 at Detroit. He matched a season high with eight strikeouts. Tyler Glasnow (1-5) was the loser. □

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Storm, Mystics look to enjoy experience of WNBA Finals

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Sue Bird leaned over toward Breanna Stewart and made sure the current MVP of the WNBA was paying attention to what the oldest player in the league was saying.

"This is advice," Bird said.

The message to Stewart was clear: At age 24, don't take for granted that she's leading the Seattle Storm to the WNBA Finals and expect it to happen all the time.

Bird should know. She won a title in her third WNBA season. It was another six years before she was back in the finals winning another title. And it was eight more years on top of that before Bird and the Storm finally made it back to the Finals, where they will face the Washington Mystics in Game 1 on Friday night.

"I didn't think we'd be back, to be honest," Bird said. "We started a rebuild and there was no telling when we'd get on the other side of it. It's not that my hunger for it went away or my motivation. Clearly, I wanted to stay at the top of my game and wanted to help this franchise get on the other side of this rebuild, but the



Seattle Storm's Breanna Stewart, right, is embraced by Sue Bird after the Storm defeated the Phoenix Mercury 94-84 during Game 5 of a WNBA basketball playoff semifinal, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in Seattle. The Storm advanced to the WNBA finals.

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Finals? That was very far from my imagination."

Bird is relishing this opportunity knowing it could be one of her last chances to win another title. And it was her performance in the fourth quarter of Game 5 against Phoenix that put Seattle in the championship series, hitting four 3-pointers and scoring 14 of her 22 points during a brilliant six-minute stretch that left the likes of Kobe Bryant and LeBron James singing her praises on social media.

Also not taking this trip to the Finals for granted are the Mystics. It's their first Finals appearance in franchise history. Star Elena Delle Donne went to the Finals in 2014 with Chicago, as did guard Kristi Toliver with Los Angeles in 2016.

"We've been leaders of this team and have just been trying to make sure everyone is focused, staying light, having a good time and spending time together, not just on the court but off the court," Delle Donne

said.

Here are other things to watch in the best-of-five series:

STAR POWER: The matchup between Delle Donne and Stewart highlights the series. Stewart averaged 24 points in Seattle's series against Phoenix and carried the scoring load for much of Game 5 until Bird got hot late.

What Delle Donne did against Atlanta may have been better. Playing with a bone bruise in her left

knee suffered in Game 2, Delle Donne returned for Games 4 and 5 and while her scoring was down, her presence on the court was a boost for the Mystics.

Delle Donne scored 29 and 30 points, respectively, in her two games against Seattle in the regular season, the second a blowout victory in Washington late in the season. Stewart had 25 points in each of the first two meetings but was held to 10 in the final matchup.

FIRST-TIME WINNER: The Finals will feature a coach who will raise the trophy for the first time. Seattle's Dan Hughes and Washington's Mike Thibault have enjoyed incredible individual success leading teams, but neither has ever won a title. Thibault has only reached the Finals twice in his career — in 2004 and 2005 with Connecticut. In the first of those Finals trips, the Sun lost to Seattle.

Hughes has reached the Finals only once in his career, in 2008 with San Antonio, where it was swept by Detroit.

FRESH KICKS: Bird appears to be poking fun at herself for being the oldest player in the WNBA with shoes she had designed for Game 1 of the Finals. □

Garnett sues accountant over \$77M lost to wealth manager

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett is suing an accountant and his firm, alleging they helped a wealth manager steal \$77 million from the retired Minnesota Timberwolves and Boston Celtics star.

The federal malpractice lawsuit alleges Kentucky-based accountant Michael Wertheim and Welenken CPAs enabled Charles Banks IV of Atlanta to defraud Garnett through businesses in which Garnett and Banks shared an interest.

The lawsuit contends Wertheim "possessed actual knowledge that Banks was helping himself to millions of dollars of Garnett's money and did nothing about it." "Banks intentionally ... loot-



In this May 6, 2008, file photo, Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett gestures to the crowd just before tipoff in Game 1 of an NBA Eastern Conference semifinal basketball series against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Boston.

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ed Garnett of his earnings and assets for many years, including the many years that Welenken and Wertheim provided accounting services to Garnett and his

business interests," according to the lawsuit, which was initially filed in Hennepin County District Court and moved Wednesday to U.S. District Court in Minne-

apolis.

Defense attorney Greg Simpson told the Star Tribune his clients deny the allegations and will "vigorously" fight the suit.

Banks was not named as a defendant. Banks was sentenced last year to four years in federal prison for defrauding another former NBA star, retired San Antonio Spurs player Tim Duncan, of millions of dollars. In one of Duncan's deals with Banks, Duncan said he was told Garnett would be a partner.

Garnett's attorney, Mark Gaughan, declined to say why Banks was not named as a defendant. Gaughan said that "based upon the facts, we are confident this matter ultimately will be re-

solved in Mr. Garnett's favor."

The lawsuit claims Wertheim "took direction from Banks and for some reason chose to have virtually no contact with Garnett."

According to the lawsuit, Wertheim prepared financial statements, was a registered agent for companies in which Garnett held a financial interest, and added his name to bank accounts holding Garnett's money.

Wertheim also "worked in concert" with Banks to put Garnett on an allowance and set budgets that the 15-time NBA all-star was urged to follow, the suit read.

Garnett retired with the Timberwolves in 2016. □

U.S. SOCCER

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"We are a country that are aggressive in the right sense of the word, that we're a little bit in your face," Stewart said Thursday. "There's also a way that that could be implemented in a system, in a formation, by a coach." Stewart spoke a day before the Americans play an exhibition against Brazil, their seventh game under interim coach Dave Sarachan.

The USSF was upended with a 2-1 loss at Trinidad and Tobago last October that ended the Americans' streak of seven straight World Cup appearances. Bruce Arena, who replaced Jurgen Klinsmann in November 2016, quit three days after the defeat. USSF President Sunil Gulati decided not to run for a fourth term, and Gulati confidant Carlos Cordeiro was elected president in February. The federation board established new GM positions for the men's and women's national teams.

While Gulati was the driving force in the hiring of Bob Bradley in 2006, Klinsmann in 2011 and Arena, Cordeiro and longtime Chief Executive Officer Dan Flynn will not participate in coach interviews and delegate the task to Stewart, USSF chief sport development officer Nico Romeijn and chief soccer officer Ryan Mooney.

Stewart, a midfielder who made 101 appearances for the U.S. from 1990-2004, will make a recommendation to the USSF board, which has final say.

The new coach will be the first in USSF history to work primarily at the federation's headquarters in Chicago. All federation men's and women's coaches will be required to work out of Chicago, though an exception is being made for current women's national team coach Jill Ellis, whose team has a World Cup next year and an Olympics in 2020.

"The culture that I believe in is actually sitting face to face and talking about situations and styles and principles and formations

and strategies and getting the best out of each other," Stewart said. "It's yin and yang, and the best way is around the table every single day."

Arena, Klinsmann and Bradley all lived in Southern California while coaching the Americans. Stewart doesn't think the requirement will cause any candidates to withdraw. "I don't think it'd be healthy that somebody sits down at a table ... and he says I want to live on the beach and be there most of my time," he said. Stewart wouldn't say whether the 64-year-old Sarachan is a candidate. Berhalter, 45, was a defender who made 44 appearances for the U.S. from 1994-2006, often alongside Stewart.

"We played together and we've communicated with each other, but friends? That's a little overboard, I'd want to say," Stewart said. "We have a professional relationship and we played with each other."

Jay Berhalter, Gregg's brother and the USSF chief commercial and strategy officer, is not involved in the hiring process.

Stewart said he has been contacted by six or seven candidates, either directly or through agents. It's possible only one candidate will be interviewed.

"It's somebody that has to have a we mentality, somebody who wants to work together," he said. "I think that's important because in this day and age I don't think one person can do a whole job, especially a country as big as this, as we are."

Notes: Star 19-year-old MF Christian Pulisic will miss the game against Brazil as well as the one against Mexico on Tuesday because of an unspecified injury. He has made just one appearance for the U.S. since the match in Trinidad. "Not having him here is disappointing, but I think the next opportunity he's a part of things, I think he'll jump right in and we won't feel as though he's been disconnected from the group," Sarachan said. □

NHL aims to get more teams involved in outdoor games

By STEPHEN WHYNO

CHICAGO (AP) — Clayton Keller took an eight-hour bus ride from Montreal to Boston for a hockey game at Fenway Park and won't soon forget the experience of playing outdoors.

"It was pretty cool," Keller said. He'd love to take the game outside again in the NHL with the Arizona Coyotes but will probably have to wait a while.

This season, the NHL is going back to familiar favorites for the Winter Classic between the Chicago Blackhawks and Boston Bruins at Notre Dame Stadium and the Stadium Series game between the Philadelphia Flyers and Pittsburgh Penguins at Lincoln Financial Field.

It'll be the sixth outdoor game for the Blackhawks, fifth for the Penguins, fourth for the Flyers and third for the Bruins. While eight teams haven't gotten a chance, those days could be approaching.

"I think we're getting close to that point," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said Thursday. "Having said that, these are pretty scarce events. You want to position them in a way where they're going to achieve the most success, however that's defined. So having a game that'll generate a bigger rating or being in an iconic stadium or venue, those are things that generate excitement and may get people to tune in. It's important for these games to do well."

The Coyotes, Carolina, Columbus, Dallas, Florida Panthers, Nashville, Tampa Bay and Vegas have yet to be scheduled for one of 26 outdoor games since the debut of the Winter Classic in 2008. Players from those teams understand why big-market counterparts are chosen instead but figure there's value in spreading the wealth.

"We talk about growing the game, right?" Columbus defenseman Seth Jones said. "You have to get non-traditional markets and put



NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly speaks at a news conference for the NHL Winter Classic hockey game at United Center in Chicago, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018. The Boston Bruins will play the Chicago Blackhawks at Notre Dame Stadium on New Year's Day in South Bend, Ind.

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outdoor games in non-traditional markets in order to grow the game. You don't need it to be grown in Toronto or Philly because those are already huge markets. But I understand why ticket sales, all that stuff plays a factor and ticket prices and that stuff. It kind of is what it is, but it would be pretty cool to be in an outdoor game."

The Blackhawks in particular are ratings darlings given their run of success that included Stanley Cup titles in 2010, 2013 and 2015. Missing the playoffs last season doesn't even hurt because Chicago and Boston are two of the league's marquee franchises and Notre Dame's home in South Bend, Indiana, is an iconic venue.

Boston's Patrice Bergeron said playing outdoors never gets old. Chicago captain Jonathan Toews always finds himself checking the crowd and the scene during warmups and is looking forward to seeing younger teammates get their first taste of playing outside.

"It's good to have the young guys, that excitement," Toews said. "It's not

like you act all spoiled like you're not excited to be there. You just recapture that." Still, there has been criticism of the NHL for not getting some smaller-market teams involved in the outdoor rotation.

"As a team and as a community, even more than just a hockey game being played, it's an event where you want to be a part of," Predators center Ryan Johansen said. "With the same teams keep playing the same games, I'm sure they look forward to it, but it doesn't have as big of an impact as it would for Nashville."

Blue Jackets-Penguins in the Horseshoe at Ohio State, Predators-Blackhawks at the University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium in Knoxville and Lightning-Capitals at the Buccaneers' Raymond James Stadium would be attractive matchups. The Golden Knights could conceivably host a game at the Raiders' new stadium when it opens outside Las Vegas in a couple of years, and the Stars could play at the Cowboys' AT&T Stadium with the roof cracked open. □



This Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 file photo shows the Apple logo above a store location entrance in Dallas.

Associated Press

EU clears Apple's purchase of song-recognition app Shazam

LONDON (AP) — The European Union has approved Apple's acquisition of song-recognition app Shazam after a months-long investigation found it wouldn't hurt competition in the music streaming market.

The EU's Antitrust Commission said Thursday that competing providers would not be shut out of the market following the acquisition. Apple announced last year that it

was going to buy Shazam, which had been a competitor to its digital assistant Siri. The iPhone maker's Apple Music streaming service competes with rivals including Spotify. EU antitrust officials had launched an investigation in April over worries that the iPhone maker Apple would get easy access to sensitive consumer data giving it an unfair advantage over other services in attracting customers. □

EU wants to force internet firms to remove terror content

BRUSSELS (AP) — EU Justice Commissioner Vera Jourova says the European Commission is set to unveil new rules that could force internet companies to take down suspected terror content. Jourova told reporters Wednesday that "we should have absolute certainty that all the platforms and all the IT providers will delete terrorist content." She says that a nonbinding European code of

conduct on deleting hate speech online has been working well but that terror content poses a "too serious threat and risk" for removal to be voluntary. Jourova said: "We simply cannot rely anymore on the voluntary action of IT providers." She provided no details about possible penalties. She said the Commission would unveil the plans later this month. □



This Oct. 19, 2017, file photo shows a new voting machine which prints a paper record on display at a polling site in Conyers, Ga.

Associated Press

Expert panel calls for sweeping election security measures

By **FRANK BAJAK**

BOSTON (AP) — An expert panel of the National Academy of Sciences called for fundamental reforms to ensure the integrity of the U.S. election system, which is handicapped by antiquated technology and under stress from foreign destabilization efforts. The cautiously worded report calls for conducting all federal, state and local elections on paper ballots by 2020. Its other top recommendation would require nationwide use of a specific form of routine postelection audit to detect fraud.

The panel did not offer a price tag for its recommended overhaul. New York University's Brennan Center has estimated that replacing aging voting machines over the next few years could cost well over \$1 billion. "The extraordinary threat from foreign actors has profound implications for the future of voting and obliges us to examine, re-examine seriously, both the conduct of elections in the United States and the role of the federal and state governments in securing our elections," Lee Bollinger,

president of Columbia University and co-chair of the panel, said in presenting the report Thursday.

The 156-page report — "Securing the Vote: Protecting American Democracy" — bemoans a rickety system compromised by insecure voting equipment and software whose vulnerabilities were exposed more than a decade ago and which are too often managed by officials with little training in cybersecurity.

The principal recommendations of the study, commissioned in 2016 as foreign intrusion in U.S. elections became evident, reflect a consensus among election security experts that has met resistance from a number of states and Republican leaders in Congress. In particular, the panel stressed that it is not calling for a one-time fix, but a sustained effort over years that would include regular funding from Congress and greater transparency about attacks on voting systems and other irregularities. Among its specific recommendations was a mainstay of election reformers: All elections should use human-readable pa-

per ballots by 2020. Such systems are intended to assure voters that their vote was recorded accurately. They also create a lasting record of "voter intent" that can be used for reliable recounts, which may not be possible in systems that record votes electronically. Roughly one in five U.S. voters cast ballots on such electronic machines in 2016. While some states have scrambled to replace them ahead of November's midterm elections, 13 continue to rely fully or partially on them.

The panel also calls for all states to adopt a type of postelection audit that employs statistical analysis of ballots prior to results certification. Such "risk-limiting" audits are designed to spot voting fraud or other problems. Currently only three states mandate them.

The report's release comes barely a week after a major piece of election security legislation was blocked in the Senate Rules Committee by GOP leaders. As originally written, the bipartisan Secure Elections Act would have satisfied the paper ballot and risk-limiting audit requirements. □



US stocks sink again as tech shares extend slump

By MARLEY JAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Technology companies are on pace for their second day of sharp losses Thursday, and U.S. stocks are down for the third day in a row. Some of the biggest companies on the market, including Apple, Google parent Alphabet and Facebook, are absorbing some of the largest losses. Energy companies and banks are also lower.

Investors are waiting to see if the Trump administration will put new tariffs on imports from China, the nation's largest trading partner. Trade talks with the U.S.'s next-largest trading partner, Canada, are continuing.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index slid 15 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,873 as of 11:40 a.m. Eastern time. It's down 1 percent this week after smaller losses Tuesday and Wednesday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 44 points, or 0.2 percent, to 25,930.



This April 5, 2018, file photo shows a building's address on Wall Street in New York.

Associated Press

The Nasdaq composite fell another 75 points, or 0.9 percent, to 7,921 after a 1.2 percent drop Wednesday. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks declined 8 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,719.

TECH SLUMP: Technology

companies have outperformed the broader S&P 500 for the past four years and are on track to do that again this year. But over the last two days investors have sold high-flying technology stocks as investors turned more cautious. Apple fell

1.9 percent to \$222.56 and Micron Technology shed 9.7 percent to \$44.74.

Facebook, Twitter and Alphabet kept sinking as well: Facebook retreated 2.8 percent to \$162.47 while Twitter sank 3.9 percent to \$31.44 and Alpha-

bet dipped 2.5 percent to \$1,168.80. They each dropped Wednesday after Congressional hearings on search and social media. Facebook and Twitter executives testified, while Alphabet was not represented after it declined to send its CEO.

TRADE UPDATE: The U.S. could put a 25 percent tax on \$200 billion in Chinese goods.

A public comment period on the proposal expired overnight and media reports have said the tariffs could be announced this week.

The U.S. and China have put taxes on \$50 billion in imports, but the larger tariffs would represent a major escalation in the dispute between the two largest trading partners in the world. China has vowed to retaliate.

Representatives from the U.S. and Canada will continue their talks Thursday after a negotiating session that stretched into Wednesday night. They are discussing a deal that would allow Canada to remain in an updated version of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

BOOKED A NEW ROOM: LaSalle Hotel Properties said it accepted an offer from Pebblebrook Hotel Trust worth \$37.80 in cash, or \$4.18 billion. LaSalle had agreed to be bought by investment firm Blackstone for \$3.7 billion in May.

Average US mortgage rates tick up; 30-year at 4.54 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates ticked up this week for the second straight week, remaining substantially higher than a year ago amid strength in the economy. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 4.54 percent from 4.52 percent last week. Long-term loan rates have been running at their highest levels in seven years. The average benchmark 30-year rate reached a high this year of 4.66 percent on May 24. By contrast, the rate stood at 3.78 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans edged up to 3.99 percent this week from 3.97 percent last week.

Rising home prices, tight inventories of affordable homes and historically higher mortgage rates have dampened home sales de-

spite the strong economy. Home borrowing costs "may be slowly on the rise again in coming weeks," said Freddie Mac chief economist Sam Khater. He said the lack of affordable homes "is hindering many interested buyers this fall, even as the robust economy brings them into the market." To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week. The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages was unchanged from last week at 0.5 point. The fee on 15-year mortgages fell to 0.4 point from 0.5 point. The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages jumped to 3.93 percent from 3.85 percent last week. The fee remained at 0.3 point. □



In this Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, photograph, a sold placard tops a sale sign outside homes on the market in Denver.

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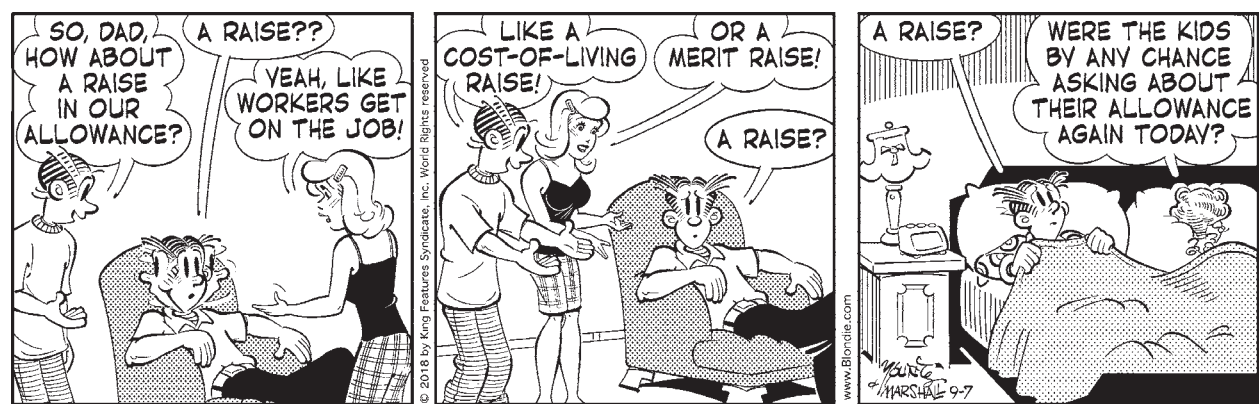
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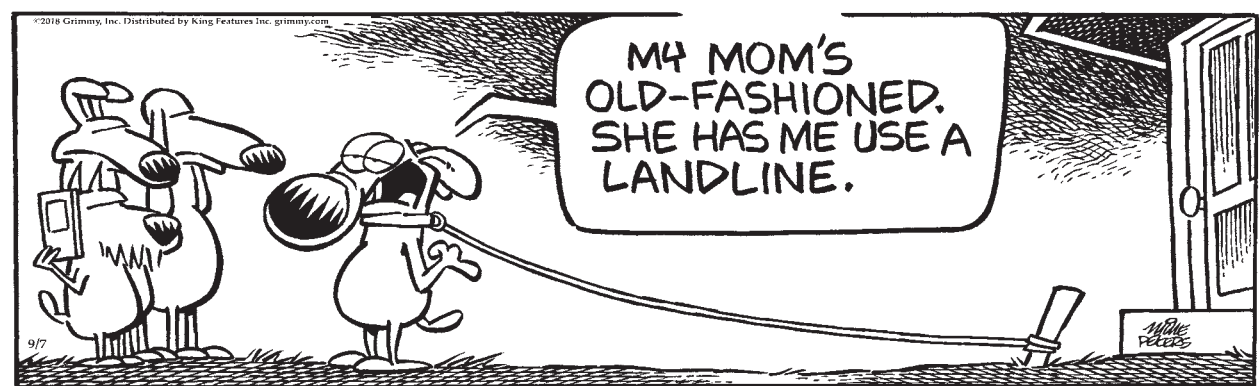
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Blood problem
- Slimy film
- Prefix for way or bishop
- Gruesome
- Zilch
- Bylaw
- Sports building
- Worship
- Margaret's nickname
- Deface; spoil
- Adheres
- Give a speech
- "... got the whole world in his hands..."
- Go back on a promise
- Mrs. Washington
- Get up
- Back's opposite
- Want newspaper section
- Pesky insect
- Become swollen
- Stuttgart señora
- Stealing or coveting
- Bozo
- Police officer's ID
- Shun
- Haddock & halibut
- Cruces, NM
- Up in arms
- Detests
- Two in Tijuana
- Phone inventor's initials
- Gorgeous
- Murphy or Cibrian
- Come down to earth
- Facial center
- Sword fights
- Uptight
- Equipment
- Probability

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- Applaud
- Entice; tempt

- Beaver State folks
- Cheap metal
- Trap
- Massachusetts' Cape
- Family card game
- Storekeeper
- Painter
- Destroy
- Wooden shoe
- Cluckers
- Wreck
- On the ball
- Feasted
- Nap
- Cleaning clothes
- "Sesame Street" fellow
- Complain
- Stubborn; willful
- Old saying
- Move along smoothly
- Quarrel
- Takes to court
- Prayer before meals

- Word attached to nail or man
- Overlay with a gold coating
- Mrs. Truman
- Enemy
- Neighbor of Canada: abbr.
- Twosome



San Antonio Animal Care Services officer carries a bag containing snakes removed from home in Kayton Avenua on San Antonio's Southside, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

Associated Press

Texas animal control seizes hundreds of snakes, rodents

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Animal control officials have removed more than 100 snakes and more than 400 rodents from a San Antonio home following concerns about the animals' living conditions.

Animal Care Services seized 136 reticulated pythons and ball pythons Wednesday after weeks of attempting to work with the reptiles' owner to improve the living conditions, The San Antonio Express-News reported.

The San Antonio animal owner was breeding and selling the nonvenomous constrictors, investigators said. The man wouldn't disclose how many snakes he had or address their living conditions, which prompted authorities to get a search warrant, said Joel Skidmore, a field operations supervisor. Two of the snakes were 10-foot (3-meter) pythons.

Animal Care Services officers found the snakes in cages and plastic tubs, some of which were stacked in a shed. Officials also removed 415 mice and rats that were being used as the snakes' food source.

The city's animal ordinance bans venomous snakes but doesn't have specific limits for nonvenomous snakes. The ordinance does require that

reptiles are provided with care and treatment, such as access to fresh air and water, and appropriate food and shelter.

The city's Dangerous Assessment Response Team, a herpetologist from the San Antonio Zoo, city code enforcement officers and SeaWorld experts assisted in the reptiles' removal.

The owner must appear in court within 10 days to determine who will get custody of the snakes, Skidmore said. If Animal Care Services is granted custody, the agency will work with local rescue shelters and zoos to find appropriate placement for the reptiles, spokeswoman Lisa Norwood said. □

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Researchers use DNA to ID shark tooth taken from boy's leg

ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — A tooth taken from the leg of a boy bitten at New York's Fire Island National Seashore has been identified as that of a sand tiger shark, after a DNA comparison, researchers announced Wednesday. University of Florida researchers compared DNA from the tooth to a genetic dataset of sharks to determine its species. Gavin Naylor, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, said it's the first time a shark involved in a bite has been identified using DNA. Beaches were closed at Fire Island in mid-July after the 13-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl were bit-

ten. Both children were treated and released from a hospital. The girl reported seeing an orange-brown fish 3 feet to 4 feet long with a dorsal fin. Lindsay French, program manager for the shark research center, arranged for the tooth to be sent to the researchers for DNA analysis. Naylor believes both bites were accidental, from juvenile sharks following schools of fish. "Perhaps incorrectly, I'm putting these in the bin of naive young sharks," Naylor said. "I'm sure the children who were bitten were petrified, but the sharks probably were, too." He said sand tigers can grow up to 500 pounds (226 kilograms) but rarely bite humans. □



In this July 2, 2018, photo, traffic moves on the old Gerald Desmond Bridge next to its replacement bridge under construction in Long Beach, Calif.

Associated Press

New California bridge gets sensors to gather earthquake data

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)

— A replacement bridge under construction at the second-busiest port in the U.S. isn't just a crucial route for cargo trucks and Southern California commuters — it's a concrete-and-steel science experiment for engineers and seismologists. The new bridge, which will stretch 8,800 feet (2,680 meters) over the Port of Long Beach, is being built with about 75 seismic sensors that will measure the forces imparted on the span when one of several nearby faults set off an earthquake. It will replace the Gerald Desmond Bridge, though it's unclear if it will retain that name. The new bridge is due to open next year.

"New bridges don't come along very often, so it's exciting," said Dr. John Parrish, head of the California Geological Survey. His agency's Strong Motion Instrumentation Program will be among those crunching the information the sensors capture. The data will be added to the state's database of earthquake knowledge.

California's bridges and other infrastructure have been outfitted with quake sensors called accelerometers since the 1970s.

The eastern span replacement of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge that opened in 2013 has more than 200.

But the building of the new Long Beach span, south of Los Angeles, marks the first time the sensors have been incorporated into the design of a California bridge from Day One, said Duane L. Kenagy, an engineer and the port's interim deputy executive director. The original bridge has taken a "pretty good beating" since it was built in 1968, Kenagy said. Evidence of that is the netting — called "diapers" — recently placed underneath to capture hunks of concrete that regularly break away. The roadway is "reaching the end of its natural life" but is considered safe for traffic until the new bridge opens, he said. About 15 percent of all containerized cargo entering the U.S. travels over the span daily, and it's a key artery for motorists traveling between the city of Long Beach and San Pedro, a working-class waterfront neighborhood on the southern edge of Los Angeles.

Its nearly \$1.5 billion replacement is historic for the built-in seismology and because it's the first cable-stayed vehicle bridge in

California. Cable-stayed bridges are distinct from more common suspension bridges in that the main span deck is entirely supported by cables connected to the twin 515-foot (157-meter) towers. It makes for a particularly sturdy design that's been tested to withstand powerful earthquakes or a terrorist bombing.

"You just can't knock one of these things down by knocking out one or two cables," Parrish said. The design, popular in Asia and parts of Europe, is catching on in the U.S. as larger construction machinery and new high-tech materials make them cheaper and easier to build.

Designed to last 100 years, the new bridge has a higher clearance for larger cargo ships and elastic "points of isolation" that enable segments to move independently without damaging other sections. Joints and bearings are designed to break under stress and are easily replaceable to get the bridge reopened quickly after a violent shaking shuts it down.

The old bridge will be torn down. It had no sensors, so seismologists and engineers are eager for the information the new span will provide. □



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Fans rejoice: Subscription-free streaming for NFL games

By ANICK JESDANUN

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The good news for football fans: It's going to be much easier to watch NFL games online this year.

The league is finally dropping a requirement that viewers sign in with a cable or satellite subscription, in hopes of expanding its online audience at a time when TV ratings are declining. Though there are restrictions — no free streaming on smart TVs, for instance — the move marks a significant departure for sports. Other major professional leagues still require TV subscriptions for hometown teams.

The NFL regular season starts Thursday.

"We think people will still want to watch on the biggest screen possible," said Brian Rolapp, the league's chief business and media officer.

But as more people drop cable or satellite subscriptions — or never sign up in the first place — the NFL needs to be flexible in order to reach them, Rolapp said. Even those who can watch on TV are preferring phones, he said.

"If you don't get to that younger demographic, who aren't conditioned to go to the television, you do run the risk of losing them," he said.



In this Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, photo a phone screen is displayed during the second half of a pre-season NFL football game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Jets in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

The NFL has been inching toward subscription-free games in recent years. It made a deal with Twitter, then Amazon, to stream a handful of games online. This year, Amazon will offer 11 Thursday night games for free on its Twitch app or on its Prime Video app with a \$119-a-year Prime subscription.

Last season, Verizon customers got subscription-free access on phones to whatever CBS or Fox was broadcasting regionally on Sunday afternoons, plus all the nationally televised games on NBC, ESPN and

NFL Network. Now, any wireless customer can get them on both phones and tablets. The one restriction: Seven games that are exclusive to the NFL Network channel can be viewed only on phones, not tablets. Online football streaming, estimated by NFL officials at 2 percent to 3 percent of overall viewership, isn't enough yet to offset declines in television viewership. But the NFL believes every viewer counts. A key element in getting the television networks on board: The networks get to sell the majority of ads appearing

on those subscription-free streams. Distributors such as Verizon get the rest.

The subscription-free games will be available on the NFL app and the Verizon-owned Yahoo Sports, Tumblr and AOL apps in the U.S. On iPhones and iPads, the games can also be streamed on the Safari web browser.

TV networks will still stream games through their apps, but you'll typically have to sign in with a cable or satellite subscription. That's how you can get games on smart TVs, including streaming-TV devices such as

Apple TV and Roku, as well as on laptops and desktop computers. The network apps will stream games on phones, too, something not available before because of Verizon's exclusivity.

Cable-like online streaming packages offer yet another option for TVs. Only two major ones have all five football networks: PlayStation Vue for \$50 a month, and DirecTV Now for \$55. Sling TV offers budget-conscious fans NBC, Fox and NFL Network for \$25. Sling TV and others offer four networks for \$40 or \$45. Some of the over-the-air stations might not be available in your market, especially outside big cities, so check before subscribing.

As for NFL RedZone, a channel that switches from game to game to show key plays and scoring, you can subscribe on phones for \$5 a month. But if you want to watch on other devices, you need to first subscribe to a cable, satellite or online package, then pay extra.

Once a game ends, it's available for streaming through the NFL Game Pass service, which costs \$100 for the season. And for out-of-market games — those not televised by your local CBS or Fox station — DirecTV offers the NFL Sunday Ticket starting at nearly \$300 for the season. □

Latest Pelecanos book about transformative power of reading

By BRUCE DESILVA

Associated Press

"The Man Who Came Uptown" (Mulholland Books), by George Pelecanos

Anna Byrne, a prison librarian in Washington, is good at selecting books that keep prisoners entertained, but seldom does she succeed in introducing an inmate to literature that makes him think differently about life.

But Michael Hudson, awaiting trial for driving the getaway car in an armed robbery, is such an inmate — a young man she's turned into an avid reader. So when Michael stops com-

ing by for books, she hopes he's OK.

Michael, it turns out, was released because the witness against him refuses to testify. Returning to his supportive mother's home, he discovers the neighborhood is being gentrified, finds a job washing dishes, vows to go straight and spends every idle moment reading.

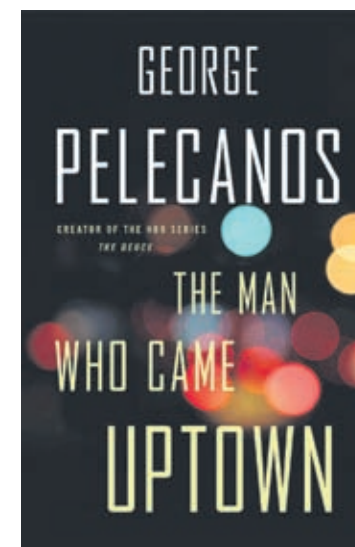
The witness recanted because Phil Orzanian, a private detective working on the case, threatened him and his family. Orzanian is a devoted family man, but he's ethically challenged. He and Thaddeus Ward, an aging former cop who

misses the action, rob drug dealers and pimps on the side. Readers of previous Pelecanos novels such as "Hell to Pay" might miss the action, too, since the first half of "The Man Who Came Uptown" is filled with descriptions of his characters' daily lives and their D.C. neighborhoods.

The first sign of conflict occurs more than 130 pages in. Orzanian needs a wheelman for a robbery, contacts Michael and calls in a favor for springing him. Even then, this remains a quiet, almost pensive book as Michael continues to read obsessively and strug-

gles with which side of the law to live his life on. As Orzanian begins to have qualms about his crimes. As Anna, reconnecting with Michael on the outside, wrestles with her vaguely dissatisfying marriage and a magnetic attraction to the young reader.

This is a book about love of family, about the stresses that can lure almost anyone into crime and about how hard it can be for someone like Michael to make it on the outside. But most of all, it is a book about the transformative powers of friendship and reading. □



This cover image released by Mulholland Books shows "The Man Who Came Uptown," by George Pelecanos.

Associated Press

Jennifer Garner seeks bloody revenge in 'Peppermint'

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

The insane revenge movie "Peppermint" starts to make a lot more sense when you realize that it was directed by the man who brought us "Taken" (Pierre Morel) and written by one at least partially responsible for "London Has Fallen" (Chad St. John). It's a movie in which the central character, Riley North (Jennifer Garner), is called a "female vigilante" by a local news anchor, and a "soccer mom" by Los Angeles police. She uses a maxi pad as a makeshift bandage to sop up the blood from a gushing knife wound and may have a higher body count than John Wick by the end of the film.

Why, you might ask, all the bloodshed, mayhem and stereotypes? Riley is just a regular middle class mom juggling a job and parental responsibilities in a sensible midi skirt and conservative sweater before she watches her husband and young daughter get gunned down by agents of powerful Latin drug boss at a pub-



This cover image released by STXfilms shows Jennifer Garner in a scene from "Peppermint." Associated Press

lic fair. In slow motion. With ice cream cones in hand. It's almost disappointing that there's no shot of the melting peppermint ice cream next to her fallen family, but there are plenty of silly ones to come (like, say, a bloody handprint on a tombstone that the police use as an indication that she's been there).

Riley of course survives, a coma, gets a grief pixie barely, and awakes from haircut and immediately

identifies the three men with the face tattoos who killed her husband and daughter. But a deeply corrupt system lets them walk, and Riley goes rogue, disappearing for a few years to learn how to be a killer and return on the five-year anniversary of the incident to execute all who wronged her. The movie doesn't show much, if anything, of her training, which is summarized in exposition by an FBI agent (Annie Ilonczeh), but just picks up with her killing spree and her life operating out of a skid row home base. It's a bit of whiplash, her transition from Laura Ashley to Lara Croft, but you get used to the new Riley fairly quickly (and honestly there wasn't a lot of the old one to latch on to either).□

Paul Simon re-visiting some musical old friends



This cover image released by Legacy Recordings shows "In the Blue Light," the latest release by Paul Simon. Associated Press

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

Paul Simon, "In the Blue Light," (Legacy) Weeks from the end of his farewell concert tour, Paul Simon has released a disc that feels like a valedictory itself. The concept of "In the Blue Light" is intriguing, with Simon re-recording and re-imagining 10 songs he originally released between 1973 and 2011. None were hits; they're songs he felt were overlooked as oddities, or that he didn't get quite right the first time. While some of this mate-

rial was obscure for good reason, most of the second looks reward listeners. The revisits speak to the musical adventurousness that has marked Simon's later years. Many of the originals were at least grounded in the folk-rock style he was primarily known for. Now Simon moves beyond: Wynton Marsalis' trumpet replaces the acoustic guitar on "How the Heart Approaches What it Yearns" and the 1970s electric piano gives way to Sullivan Fortner's real thing on "Some Folks' Lives Roll Easy." The jauntiness of "One Man's Ceiling Is Another Man's Floor" is smoothed into a loping, jazz feel. With Dixieland jazz, Spanish-style guitar and orchestral arrangements, the music is worldly and complex. He's not kicking down the cobblestones. Simon rewrites some lyrics, some to subtly modernize. An iPhone is added to a scene originally written before the device's invention, and the blues band that appears by the riverbank in a lyric on "Can't Run But" is

replaced by a DJ. Most affecting is a rewritten conclusion to 2000's "Love," which is both more specific and more universal than the original. Simon's age (he's 76) gives the material a grace not always present the first time. A song like "Some Folks' Lives Roll Easy" now feels lived in, not observed by a young reporter. "Darling Lorraine," the fourth song revamped from 2000's "You're the One" disc, is the new album's centerpiece, in large part because you can feel the tenderness, comedy and sadness more acutely through Simon's weathered voice. Simply being placed at the end of a disc where a central theme is the passage of time lends "Questions for the Angels" a poignance missed when the song came out in 2011. The idea here is so interesting that you'd love to see other artists try it, if only to know the overlooked songs that have stuck with them. "In the Blue Light" is neither nostalgia nor a rescue mission. It's a challenging new work.□

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Author, actor, Kennedy scion Christopher Lawford dead at 63

By MICHELLE R. SMITH

ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) —

Author and actor Christopher Kennedy Lawford, who was born into political and Hollywood royalty, sank into substance abuse and addiction and rose to become a well-known advocate for sobriety and recovery, has died.

Lawford died of a heart attack Tuesday in Vancouver, Canada, his cousin, former U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy, told The Associated Press. He was 63.

Lawford was in Vancouver living with his girlfriend and working to open a recovery center. He had been doing hot yoga, which he did often, but the strain of it "must have been too much for him at that point," Kennedy said.

Lawford was the only son and oldest child of Patricia Kennedy — sister of John, Robert and Ted Kennedy — and Peter Lawford — the English actor and socialite who was a member of



In this Sept. 16, 2005 file photo, Christopher Kennedy Lawford poses for a photograph in Encino, Calif., to promote his book, "Symptoms of Withdrawal: A Memoir of Snapshots and Redemption."

Associated Press

Frank Sinatra's "Rat Pack."

"I was given wealth, power and fame when I drew my first breath," Lawford wrote in his 2005 book, "Symptoms of Withdrawal: A Memoir of Snapshots and Redemption," the first of several books he wrote about his

substance struggles.

He wrote that his parents got telegrams predicting big things for him from Bing Crosby and Dean Martin and said he once got a lesson in doing "The Twist" from Marilyn Monroe. The cover of his books shows him sit-

ting poolside as a child with his uncle and soon-to-be-president John F. Kennedy looming behind him.

He spent his youth frolicking with Hollywood stars on one coast and rubbing shoulders with political stars on the other, living between

libertine Los Angeles and the hyper-competitive Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, where he was a big-brother figure to John F. Kennedy Jr.

"You can't get much more fawned over than being a Kennedy male," Lawford wrote.

His life with drugs began with LSD while at boarding school at age 14. In the years before he had experienced the assassinations of his two uncles and his parents' divorce in 1966.

With heroin and other opioids as his substances of choice, Lawford leapt into deeper substance abuse in drug-heavy 1970s Hollywood, where his father also abused drugs and alcohol as his career faded. Peter Lawford died in 1984. Patricia Kennedy died in 2006.

In his memoir, Christopher Lawford told tales of mugging women for money, panhandling in Grand Central Station and getting arrested twice for drug possession before getting sober at 30. □

Signs brand Miss America boss Gretchen Carlson as 'So Fake'

By WAYNE PARRY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)

— Signs appeared around Atlantic City Thursday criticizing Gretchen Carlson, the chairwoman of the Miss America Organization, as "so fake" and a bully hours before the second night of preliminary competition was to take place.

Hung from traffic lights and glued to a utility box, signs appeared Thursday morning. They turned up as bus stops, as well. No one had taken responsibility for putting them up.

They reference claims from the outgoing Miss America, Cara Mund. Mund said that Carlson and CEO Regina Hopper bullied and silenced her during her reign, which ends Sunday.

Carlson, the former Fox News host and a former Miss America, did not immediately respond to requests for comment, but both women have repeatedly denied bullying Mund.



Miss Florida, Taylor Tyson and Miss Wisconsin, Tianna Vanderhei, talk to the media after the first night of preliminary competition at the Miss America competition in Atlantic City, N.J., Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

Associated Press

The signs appear to parody Carlson's book "Be Fierce." They include the same photo of her that appears on her book cover, but with the words "So Fake" and "private bully, public liar."

In addition, someone hung a pageant sash on the Miss

America statue just outside Boardwalk Hall, where the competition takes place, that reads "Gretchen Sucks."

This year's pageant is taking place amid a revolt by state organizations, most of which want Carlson and

Hopper to resign; 46 of the 51 groups (the District of Columbia is included) have signed letters seeking their resignation.

They are unhappy with the way the decision to eliminate the swimsuit competition from the pageant was reached, among other issues.

The protest runs the risk of overshadowing the second night of preliminaries that is scheduled to happen Thursday night. The first night, on Wednesday, was free of any reference to the controversy.

Contestants from Florida and Wisconsin picked up wins Wednesday in the first night of preliminary competition.

Miss Florida Taylor Tyson won the talent competition for a piano rendition of "Mephisto's Waltz" by Liszt.

Miss Wisconsin Tianna Vanderhei won the onstage interview competition for her comments on how higher

education should be more affordable and more widely accessible.

Mund did not reference the leadership controversy in her opening remarks Wednesday, which followed a prolonged standing ovation. But she did pay tribute to local and state officials without mentioning national ones.

"This only exists because of our volunteers," she said. "We wouldn't have any organization if it weren't for them."

Scholarships totaling nearly \$506,000 will be awarded, including \$50,000 for the new Miss America; \$25,000 for the first runner-up; \$20,000 for the second runner-up; \$15,000 for the third runner-up, and \$10,000 for the fourth runner up.

The third and final night of preliminaries will be held Friday.

The next Miss America will be crowned Sunday night in Atlantic City. □

Wired Icelanders seek to keep remote peninsula digital-free

By EGILL BJARNASON

Associated Press

HORNSTRANDIR, Iceland

(AP) — The passenger boat arrives at the bottom of Veidileysufjordur, a short inlet with a long name, to drop off backpackers for a multi-day trek. A weather-beaten group that's completed the trip waits to board, eager to get back to a part of Iceland where they can reconnect with the world via Wi-Fi.

By boat, that will take about a half-hour. No roads lead to the Nordic country's northernmost peninsula, a rugged glacial horn that reaches for the Arctic Circle. Making a phone call requires walking up a mountain for a cell signal so weak, clouds seem capable of blocking it.

But internet service soon could be reaching the Hornstrandir Nature Reserve, one of the last digital-free frontiers in what might be the world's most-wired nation. The possibility has most hikers, park rangers and summer residents worried that email, news and social media will destroy a way of life that depends on the absence of all three.

"We see a growing appreciation for the lack of online connection," Environment Agency of Iceland ranger Vesteinn Runarsson, who patrols the peninsula's southern end on his own. "Looking to the future, we want to keep Hornstrandir special in that way."

The area has long resisted cell towers, but commer-



In this photo taken on Aug. 8, 2018, a local ranger for the Environment Agency of Iceland attempts to make a call from the unofficially named Telephone Mountain, in Vesteinn Runarsson, Iceland.

Associated Press

cial initiatives could take the decision out of Icelanders' hands and push Hornstrandir across the digital divide.

Companies such as Elon Musk's SpaceX are racing to deliver high-speed internet service to every inch of the world by putting thousands of small satellites into low Earth orbit. Their success would have global implications, bringing the benefits and downsides of internet communication to places that are off the grid because of poverty or war, or where internet access is reserved for the wealthy.

That's also true for sparsely populated communities and far-flung destinations in Canada, Russia, Alaska and elsewhere in the vast

Arctic region, where broadband service generally is prohibitively expensive. Yet in Iceland, the prospect of constant connectivity has called up an old debate on whether Hornstrandir's wilderness should stay unwired.

Despite or because of its remoteness, Iceland ranks first on a U.N. index comparing nations by information technology use, with roughly 98 percent of the population using the internet. Among adults, 93 percent report having Facebook accounts and two-thirds are Snapchat users, according to pollster MMR.

Many people who live in northwestern Iceland or visit as outdoor enthusiasts want Hornstrandir's 570 square kilometers (220 square miles), which accounts for 0.6 percent of Iceland's land mass, to be declared a "digital-free zone." The idea hasn't coalesced into a petition or formal campaign, so what it would require or prohibit hasn't been fleshed out.

The last full-time resident of the rugged area moved away in 1952 — it never was an easy place to farm — but many descendants have turned family farmsteads into summer getaways.

Alexander Gudmundsson, who vacations in the home

where his great-grandmother grew up, doesn't have to look far down the family tree to see the effect of digital devices: his teenage daughter refused to come to Hornstrandir this summer because it would mean not having online access.

"But once the kids are here, all they do is play outside," Gudmundsson said.

Northwest Iceland's representative in parliament is less sentimental about the value of isolation. Since her election last year, Halldora Signy Kristjansdottir has urged the Ministry of Transport to fund cell towers for the safety of sailors and travelers whose mobile devices currently are useless in and near Hornstrandir.

"I don't see anything ro-

mantic about lying on the ground with a broken thigh bone and no cellphone signal," Kristjansdottir said in an interview.

In a written response to the lawmaker, Minister of Transport Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson noted that huts along the hiking trails are equipped with radio-phones for emergencies. He defended the absence of digital connectivity in Hornstrandir as a factor in "advancing visitor's experience."

Police and rescue workers have suggested creating an illustrated map that marks the mountain summits with the strongest signals.

The Environment Agency of Iceland estimates that 3,000 people trek through Hornstrandir every summer, moving from one fjord to the next. Some are rewarded with sightings of the arctic fox, Iceland's only native land mammal. The few structures — abandoned farm houses and a decommissioned U.S. Air Force radar station — were abandoned decades ago. When The Associated Press visited in August, the travelers interviewed there unanimously favored making the reserve a digital-free zone, though their notions of what that meant varied. "If phones worked here, I am sure many people would go as far as carrying battery packs to charge their devices," said Mikko Ronkkonen, a hiker from Finland who had just completed an eight-day trip. □



In this Wednesday Aug. 8, 2018 photo, hikers and local summer residents prepare to board the Hornstrandir passenger ferry connecting the remote peninsula, only accessible by boat, to Iceland's northwestern region.

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In this Thursday Aug. 9, 2018 photo, hikers during an early morning trek on the southern part of the Hornstrandir peninsula, in Iceland.

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